

the number for the previous year. There are many branches scattered throughout the Dominion.

In closing the proceedings his Excellency commended very highly the work of the Order. He thought that the cause for which the Victorian Order was in existence was of such a nature as would surely appeal to the sympathies and aid of all classes. He said that the nurse was one of the great factors in the advance of civilization.

THE ONTARIO MEDICAL COUNCIL.

We believe that this body made decided headway at its special meeting in November last.

The requisite for registration as a student of medicine is that the applicant must have passed the Ontario Departmental Matriculation in Arts with Physics and Chemistry, and one of the languages, French, German or Greek. The percentage on each subject is fixed at 50. This is an advance from the former standard of 40 per cent.

The course on Medical and Surgical Anatomy has been lengthened from 4 to eight months. The term for Therapeutics has been increased from 4 to 6 months. Bacteriology has been made a part of Pathology.

The fifth year may be spent (1) in a hospital as an interne, or (2) six months in this way and six months with a doctor, or (3) six months in a school giving a fifth year's course and six months with a doctor.

The course of a recognized hospital or school for such clinical fifth year's course shall consist of 25 lectures on medicine, 25 on surgery, 25 on obstetrics and gynaecology, 25 on clinical microscopy, one month dispensing, 25 lectures on eye, ear, nose and throat diseases, 10 demonstrations in anæsthetics, and 10 cases of obstetrics.

In future the student must produce a certificate of having passed his chemistry at his matriculation. In the Intermediate Examination only one paper will be set on surgery and midwifery each. In the final examination diseases of children disappears, and obstetrics and gynaecology shall appear on the same examination.

THE MEDICAL PROFESSION AND FREE SERVICE.

The *Maritime Medical News* condemns the custom of imposing upon the medical profession duties for which the law provides no fee. It is quite in order for the Legislatures of the provinces to enact certain regulations regarding reporting cases and the granting of certificates, and even serving on boards of health without fee. This is all wrong. It used to be the custom that doctors had to give evidence at the Police Court in Toronto without a fee.