

Board, with non-reception of college diplomas, no matter what their source, save in presumptive endorsement of a candidate's professional fitness. It was a painful shock to us, as Harvard men, to hear it stated in an open session that in Ontario the Cambridge degree had been pointedly refused recognition by the Examining Board, because of the gross incompetence of persons who had presented themselves fresh from graduation at that school. Well known as it is that scores of provincial students for many years have flocked to Boston to get their diplomas more easily than at home, and that the college by the means familiar to canvassers has particularly bid for this class of students, the fact we refer to becomes the more distasteful.

As gynæcologists, the action of the Association in fixing the minimum of instruction in our own department at "two courses of study of six months each, in the diseases of women," independently of midwifery, to which also an equal amount of attention must be given, as well as "attendance on the practice of a lying-in hospital for six months," has afforded us much pleasure.

By this and similar positive action upon the part of our Canadian friends, more has been done in three days to necessitate an elevation of the standard of medical education in the United States than has been accomplished by the many years' discussion of the subject at conventions of our medical teachers, all told. Hereafter, provincial students intending to practise at home cannot come to our schools unless these are raised to the Canadian standard, nor can our own graduates cross the border with the intent to enter upon practice.

In one very important point the Canadian Association has improved upon the proposed Medical Act of the mother country. There, the Central Council is to be taken wholly from the schools and universities; here, one half of its members are to be elected from the outside profession. It is the first distinct and authoritative recognition of the doctrine enunciated and accepted at the meeting of our own Association the present year, that the profession, as such, has a controlling power over the colleges. That power each year will make more and more manifest.

Of the courtesy with which, as a delegate from the American Medical Association, we have been received at Ottawa, we need not speak. Meeting many old friends, encircled by men by far the majority of whom have been bred across the water, and who acknowledge the same teachers and doctrines as ourselves, our trip has been indeed to a professional Mecca, and we return more sure than before that our daily path, over whatever roughnesses it may be, points towards the only true and worthy goal.