

to submit to examination. We are unable to state the provisions of the Nova Scotia Act, as we have not received a copy of that document, but we believe that it is in a great measure similar to our own, which would exclude all American and foreign graduates. The liberality of the Quebec Act recognises all British degrees and diplomas for what they set forth; but if a British graduate presents for license and that his certificates are defective in any particular, he would have to satisfy the Board of Examiners, by examination, as to proficiency on subjects upon which he does not appear as having passed any examination, as in this Province we all hold the double qualification, there being no distinction between physicians and surgeons. No foreign or American degrees are recognised, and a candidate hailing from an American university or college would be required to satisfy the Board: first, that he has fulfilled a curriculum similar to the one prescribed by the college. This will entitle him to an examination which, if he passes successfully, he will then receive the license to practice his profession in the Province of Quebec. This is substantially the practice in Ontario. In both Provinces it is held that two sessions of American colleges are equivalent to one in our own institutions. inasmuch as the sessions of the colleges of the United States are, with few exceptions, barely of four months duration.

AN EXPLANATION.

We exceedingly regret that our review of a pamphlet, headed "Meteorology and its Professors," which appeared in the last number of our journal, has been thrown into form and circulated amongst persons who do not receive our periodical. The review in question was an honest expression of our opinion and what we deemed a fair criticism of the subject under discussion. We must disclaim against the use which has been made of our type in the circulation of the article referred to.

THE TREATMENT OF LUNATICS IN THE PROVINCE OF QUEBEC.

It is with extreme regret that we have again to allude to the treatment of lunatics in this Province. Our attention was recently drawn to the fact that towards the end of last month, or within a few days of our publication, a number of lunatics were removed from the common jail of our city and sent to the asylum at Beauport. Upon inquiry we learnt that some of these unfortunates had been residents in the common jail for several months, and in one instance, the case of a woman, the lunatic had been in prison