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OUR MEDICAL SCHOOLS.

For the last ten days our Journal, with the exception of this page, has been lying in type, but we have held it back until our Publisher's patience was exhausted, for the purpose of being able to announce to the profession the *personnel* of the staff of our Toronto Medical Schools. In Victoria University especially, we believe that at one time the resignations of quite a number of the staff were in the hands of the President, but as there is every probability that the greater portion of them will be withdrawn, we refrain from saying more. We can, however, authoritatively announce the entire resignation of the Dean, the Hon. Dr. Rolph, who withdraws from all connection with that Institution, and he will be followed by at least one other of the staff. Dr. Hodder has also vacated the chair of Obstetrics in the Toronto School of Medicine. More than this we are unable so say positively, as negotiations are still pending, the results of which are uncertain. We refer our readers to the advertisements.

CREAM OR SKIM-MILK.

We have been a good deal amused at the following paragraph, which appears in the Hamilton correspondence of the *Canada Medical Journal* for June, where the writer says, "We were glad to find Dr. Oldright (who with Drs. Agnew, Mostyn, C. B. Hall, and Bethune, and one or two others, really represent the feelings of the *cream* of the Profession at the Medical Council) doing good service," &c., &c.

Now the five gentlemen named are all "jolly good fellows every one," and we entertain for them a strong personal regard, but the "one or two others" we cannot vouch for. But let us see what the "cream of the profession" is like, as represented by the gentlemen named.

We find that Drs. Oldright, C. B. Hall, and Bethune, represent three Universities, not one of

which possesses an organized Medical Faculty, but as we think our readers would like to know who constitute the "*cream* of the Profession," we have taken some pains to ascertain how many medical men have positions in the Senates of the Institutions referred to, in order that we may form some idea of the *relative proportions* of cream and skim-milk, into which our author thus divides the Profession.

We confess we do not feel very highly flattered by the result of our analysis.

Dr. Parkes says, that good milk should contain 4 to 6 per cent. of cream, but the best French and American writers assert that the proportion should be 10 or 15 per cent., and we are bound to admit that the amount of professional cream represented at the Council Board, is very little more than the low estimate of Dr. Parkes would call for. Dr. Oldright was elected by the Senate of the University of Toronto, which contains *three* medical men, Drs. Hays, Herrick, and Aikins.

Trinity College elected Dr. C. B. Hall, and we find that Dr. Bovell is the only medical who has a seat on her Senate, and is in a position to vote for her representative to the Council, while there is *not one* medical man in the Governing Body of Queen's College, to cast his vote for Dr. Bethune, if the published lists be correct.

We therefore find that three of the five gentlemen, who are said to represent the "*cream* of the Profession," have been elected by *non-medical* bodies, containing, all told, just *four* medical men, two of whom have taken no part in medical politics or practice for many years.

Verily the percentage of cream appears rather low for a body supposed to be so rich.

Four men constituting the cream of the body represented by about one-sixth of the regular division of the Medical Council.

"Drs. Agnew and Mostyn, and one or two others," who represent territorial divisions, were elected by true medical votes, and may claim with a greater show of reason the position assumed for them by the writer in question, but we doubt whether it will be regarded generally as a very high compliment to be likened to so light and oily a thing: even as cream.

Cream is all very well in its place, either among the profession, or as an article of diet, to dance attendance on Vice-Regal Receptions, or to flavor our grandmother's tea, too large a proportion, however, conduces to corpulence and great sluggishness of mind and body, but we are able to congratulate the profession upon its comparative freedom, from all