

can readily learn by private tuition, or even in some instances teach himself, if he sets about doing so with a good text-book and the necessary practical material, we must congratulate the College on being the first examining body which has really recorded its protest against the unnecessary number of lectures which the medical student is compelled to listen to. Those who benefit by lectures may attend them; those who can learn these preliminary subjects without so doing will be at liberty to dispense with them. Botany and *Materia Medica* can, as a rule, be much more thoroughly mastered in the country than by attendance on a routine course of lectures. The *Second Examination* includes Anatomy and Physiology, and the range of subjects in the latter science is also scheduled. Candidates for this examination must have passed eighteen months at a recognised school, and must furnish certificates of attendance on a course of Anatomy, Physiology, and Practical Physiology (which is thus definitely separated from the ordinary theoretical lectures), and of having performed dissections for not less than twelve months. The *Third Examination* cannot be entered for until the expiration of two years after the passing of the Second, and embraces Medicine, Surgery, and Midwifery especially, whilst questions on Therapeutics, Forensic Medicine, and Public Health will be included. Besides attendance on lectures, certificates will have to be produced by candidates of having undergone systematic practical instruction in Medicine, Surgery, and Obstetric Medicine, and the character and extent of such systematic instruction is explicitly laid down. In insisting on this practical instruction the College is well advised, and we are sure that a great reform in bedside teaching at most schools must inevitably follow this regulation. The candidate must also have discharged the duties of a medical clinical clerk during six months, and of a surgical dresser during other six months. The regulations, therefore, whilst, sufficiently elastic in the early stages of the medical curriculum, are very stringent in the latter and absolutely essential portions, and we agree with the authorities of the College in preferring this plan of education to any other which has been submitted to the profession. A further boon

to the student is the exemption from re-examination in subjects in which he has passed other examining boards, and in this respect also the College of Physicians has shown much liberality as could be expected. A large number of candidates will be sure to prefer themselves for the license as soon as the by-laws have been circulated and clearly understood in our medical schools and by the profession generally, and a qualification, which is too little appreciated when we consider its value and meaning, will soon attain the public favor which it so eminently deserves.—*London Lancet*

APPOINTMENTS.

Peter Macdonald, of the town of Wingham, Esq., M.D., to be an Associate Coroner in and for the County of Huron.

J. W. Wood, of Victoria Road, Esq., M.D., to be an Associate Coroner in and for the County of Victoria.

John H. Comfort, of the city of St. Catharines, Esq., M.D., to be Police Magistrate in and for the said city of St. Catharines.

Adolphe Robillard, of the city of Ottawa, Esq., M.D., to be an Associate Coroner in and for the county of Carleton.

Herbert J. Saunders, of the city of Kingsville, Esq., M.D., to be an Associate Coroner in and for the county of Frontenac.

Dr. Kittson, of Hamilton, has been elected Vice-President of the Hamilton Medical and Surgical Society, in the place of Dr. Lothrop, deceased.

Births, Marriages, and Deaths

BIRTHS.

At London, on the 14th of March, the wife of Dr. G. Edwards of a daughter.

At London, on April 13th, the wife of N. Beemer, M.D., of a son.

At Janetville, on Sunday, April 11th, the wife of John McAlpine, M.D., of a daughter.

DEATHS.

At Camlachie, on April 6th, Dr. S. G. Rutherton, late of Newry, aged 88.

At Chatham, April 12th, Margaret Sivewright, widow of the late J. H. Sivewright, M.D., aged 72 years.

At Cookstown, on April 7th, Marianne, aged 75 years, wife of the late Robert Paget, M.D., of Thornhill.

At Kingston, on April 17th, Alice Elizabeth, wife of W. G. Metcalf, M.D., Medical Superintendent of the Asylum for the Insane.