

Province. It would appear that the council intend to take action where evidence is forthcoming.

"Dear Sir,—The Council of the College of Physicians and Surgeons are anxious that any infractions of the law which would render any of their registered members liable to criminal prosecution, or which would in any way reflect upon their professional character, should come to their knowledge, so they have instructed the undersigned to communicate with you, in order that you may be placed in a position to advise them of any matters which may come to their knowledge, and which should, in your opinion, be attended to by the Discipline Committee of the Council.

"The Council of the college feel assured that infractions of the law and unprofessional conduct are the exception and not the rule; but they are anxious that the members of the college, and of the medical profession, should live up to the highest ideals of the profession, and with that end in view they are taking this course."

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#### ALVARENGA PRIZE OF THE COLLEGE OF PHYSICIANS OF PHILADELPHIA.

The College of Physicians of Philadelphia announces that the next award of the Alvarenga Prize, being the income for one year of the bequest of the late Señor Alvarenga, and amounting to about one hundred and eighty dollars, will be made on July 14, 1909, provided that an essay deemed by the Committee of Award to be worthy of the prize shall have been offered.

Essays intended for competition may be upon any subject in medicine, but cannot have been published. They must be typewritten, and must be received by the secretary of the college on or before May 1, 1909.

Each essay must be sent without signature, but must be plainly marked with a motto and be accompanied by a sealed envelope having on its outside the motto of the paper and within the name and address of the author.

It is a condition of competition that the successful essay or a copy of it shall remain in possession of the College; other essays will be returned upon application within three months after the award.

The Alvarenga Prize for 1908 has been awarded to Dr. William T. Shoemaker, of Philadelphia, for his essay entitled: "Retinitis pigmentosa, with an analyses of seventeen cases occurring in deaf mutes, including laboratory examinations of the blood and urine in eleven cases."

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