

4th inst. Probably many of your readers are already aware that three members of council ought to go out annually by rotation, and the custom has been to re-elect them; so that when any man has been once elected on the council, there was every probability of its being a permanent birth, unless some such occurrence should happen as is now about to take place. The three retiring men this year are Messrs. Bishop, Solly, and Macmurdo men to whom there can be no objection: but the advocates for the introduction of a little new blood and vigour into the governing body of the college, have brought forward Messrs. John Adams, Wm. Fergusson, and Thomas Paget of Leicester, in place of the others. Without some effort of this kind, it would be many years before such a man as Mr. Fergusson could be elected upon the council, and certainly there is none more fit by reputation and position than he is for that honour. From all that I can learn, the election of these three last named surgeons seems to be pretty sure, but the Fellows must come and vote personally, which many of those who reside at a distance will hardly take the trouble to do.

From the doings of the College of Physicians, it is quite probable that in the course of a short time, that body may become the popular one of the profession. Many young men from abroad, who heretofore would have taken the membership of the College of Surgeons, now prefer the License of the College of Physicians. I was glad to see that Dr. Francis W. Campbell, one of the graduates of McGill College has taken the License; and Dr. Connell, of New Brunswick, a young man who is a graduate of Philadelphia, is about to undergo his examination for the License. For the last few weeks I have been in occasional communication with both of them, and am much pleased with their intelligence, and the zeal which they evince for their profession. I augur for both a successful career in whatever part of the country they may settle.

I must mention that the College of Physicians now consists of three grades, Fellows, Members, and Licentiates. The last are allowed to dispense physic, but not the two first, and the Fellows are exclusively elected from among the Members. The fee for the License is £15 whilst the membership of the College of Surgeons is £20. This information may be useful to future Canadian aspirants for English honours.

I attended the Harveian oration delivered at the college on the 25th June by Dr. Goolden in the Latin language, before a large circle of great dignitaries and others. All present certainly listened very attentively, and looked as if they understood all that the orator was telling them. The weather was warm and many persons got drowsy towards the conclusion, and for a little while the President, Dr. Mayo, had a few minutes of napping.

We have beautiful, warm weather now, and I think it is probable that this time, we may enjoy a delightful summer. There is very little sickness about worthy of mention, and the medical cases which present themselves for treatment in hospital practice are chiefly chronic. Small-pox has perhaps been a little more prevalent than usual, and lately Mr. Henry Gray, F.R.S., of St. George's Hospital became a victim to it after a few days illness. Although only 35 years of age, he had already achieved a name in the annals of science, and was on the eve of being elected one of the assistant surgeons of St. George's, when death