

✓ Selected Article.

MEDICAL EDUCATION IN DIFFERENT COUNTRIES.

We extract the following interesting information with reference to medical requirements in various countries from the Presidential Address delivered by Dr. R. McNeill, Prince Edward Island, before the Maritime Medical Association, Charlottetown, July 12th, 1899, and published in the *Montreal Medical Journal* in October:

THE GERMAN EMPIRE.—(Population forty-one millions.)—There are twenty-three universities which confer the doctorate. To matriculate, the applicant must either present a certificate of a gymnasium or pass a preliminary examination upon Latin, Greek, German, history, mathematics and the elements of natural science. The course extends over four years of nine and a half months in each year. The right to practise, however, can only be obtained by passing the State examination which is conducted by a board composed of the professors of the different colleges appointed annually by the Ministry. The degree of Doctor has no special privileges attached to it, other than that it admits the possessor to examination for official position.

AUSTRO-HUNGARIAN EMPIRE.—(Population about thirty-six millions.)—There are six medical schools all supported by the government. To matriculate, the applicant must present a certificate from a gymnasium. The course of study extends over a period of at least five years, of about nine months in each year. Examinations are held at the end of the second year upon the various subjects of the first two years; and at the end of the fifth year upon the subjects of the preceding three years; two or three months after the latter examination the candidate must pass a third and final one, which secures the diploma of Doctor of Medicine, with the right to practise.

RUSSIA.—(Population over eighty-five millions.)—There are eight medical schools in Russia. To matriculate, the applicant must have a certificate from a gymnasium. The course of study extends over five years, with examinations at the end of each year. The arrangement of the course of study is similar to that of Germany. Upon passing the final examination upon all the subjects of the entire course the candidate receives the right to practise with the title of "Physician." To obtain the degree of M.D., he must have the above title and must undergo a written examination, and also present a thesis. There was formerly a third degree, M.D., C.M., obtained after an examination in surgery, but it is now becoming obsolete.