

cachectic look, face thin; upper extremities thin and wasted; lower part of the chest and upper part of the abdomen particularly large; there is bulging between the ilium and the free ribs on both sides; lower extremities œdematous. The lungs were compressed to one half their usual size. The heart was twice as large as natural; the left ventricle was very much hypertrophied; the points of three fingers could be passed into the mitral orifice; weighed 18 oz. The peritoneal cavity contained about 4 gallons of thin reddish fluid.

The liver is very large, irregular on its external surface, of a bluish red color, the irregularities being as large as a walnut, and when cut into, a soft but grayish white substance escaped. The right lobe was adherent to the under surface of the diaphragm; the left was fully as large as an ordinary right lobe; weight, 12½ pounds.

The stomach was natural; kidneys, normal; a few of the mesenteric glands were thickened and indurated. No trace of disease could be found elsewhere.

Correspondence.

THE "PROVINCIAL" UNIVERSITY.

To the Editor of the CANADA LANCET.

SIR:—I notice in the Form which students in medicine who propose to offer themselves for examination in the Toronto University are required to fill up and sign, the following question: "Are you an under-graduate or graduate in medicine of any other University?" It is also stated in the announcement of the Faculty of Medicine of Toronto University, that "that the scholarships and medals are not open to those who are at the same time under-graduates or graduates in medicine of another University." It is easy, therefore, to see the object of the question, and it is very much to be regretted that the senate should have adopted such a useless and unwise regulation. It can be of no possible use, because the honor students so debarred, can subsequently obtain their degrees in any University in which they may desire to graduate. It is unwise because it makes it appear to the public that the "national" University is hereafter to be carried on in open hostility to all other Universities, instead of becoming, as it should be, their exemplar. It is really no wonder

that an outcry has been raised against the management of the Toronto University, when such a regulation as the one here referred to, can find a place among the proceedings of the senate. The true policy would certainly be to encourage students to come up from all the Colleges and Universities in the land to the national University, rather than to throw restrictive barriers in the way. Of course students so admitted should be allowed to compete for honors only with students of similar standing, but no other question need be asked. No matter even if they be graduates of another institution, provided they have only recently obtained their degrees, they should be allowed to compete for honors along with other students of the same standing, as regards their collegiate year, as themselves. I venture to assert that in no other country in the world can there be found a similar regulation in regard to a national University. If enforced, it will either have the effect of shutting out many deserving students, or of forcing them to pass the examination of Toronto University before proceeding to any other University. A strong remonstrance should be made in regard to this matter to the Minister of Education, with a request to have the obnoxious regulation rescinded. The senate of Toronto University should not be permitted, by any restrictions of the kind here alluded to, to exclude any student, no matter where he has received his education, or of what University he is an under-graduate, from competing for honors and scholarships which are of a Provincial character. The honors of the University should be open alike to all the sons of our fair Province, without any other restrictions than those necessary to secure fair and honest competition..

Yours truly,

M. B. TORONTO UNIVERSITY.

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INSANITY.

To the Editor of the CANADA LANCET.

SIR:—In reading the February number of your journal, I found a communication from Dr. Clark, in reply to my letter in a former issue. His reference to the Wright case in his essay on "Insanity," surprised me, but his letter is a greater surprise. The Dr. has adopted the course which all weak