

tution known as such. The charter of an institution by the corporate name of the 'Philadelphia University or American College of Medicine,' was *revoked* by the Legislature of this state in 1872, for the *issue and sale of diplomas to persons not qualified* to receive the same.

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It is well known that some of these spurious degrees are held in Canada, by disciples of Esculapius, who upon payment of *fees*, and after an extensive collegiate course of *six weeks*, received the *merited* distinction, and in one instance that came to our knowledge, accompanied by the offer, "that for another hundred dollars the degree of M.R.C.S. *Eainburgh*, would be bestowed," but poverty prevented the attainment of the *second honors*. It now appears that these Philadelphia degrees are being offered for sale in Germany, and that the Government intend taking action, as no quacks are wanted there. Would it not be advisable to compel all persons holding degrees, when attaching the cabalistic M.A. or M.D. to their signatures, to add at the same time the name or initials of the University at which it was obtained. Thus we frequently see M.A. Cambridge, B.A. Oxford, and M.D. M.R.C.S., London, because it is considered an honor to be graduates of such well known institutions. Why not cause the practice to be universal, in order that some idea may be formed of the merits of the graduate, and as we now easily distinguish between an Italian Count, and an English nobleman, so we

as readily discriminate between R. Civis, M. D. McGill College, M.R.C.S. London, and R. Civis, Eclectic, M. D. Philadelphia, University.

No candidate however, for a Normal School Mastership should be ostracised, simply because his degree is not "from a University of good standing in Her Majesty's Dominions." Surely Yale and Harvard degrees will rank fully as high, as those of Albert University, Belleville, or those of Bishop's College, Lennoxville. "*Palmam qui meruit ferat.*"

But recently, *even at Ottawa*, a Rev. and an M.A. has been convicted of furnishing the answers in Arithmetic, Algebra, and Natural Philosophy, to candidates for Second Class Certificates, and it further appears that a certain lady, whose answers were deemed so superlatively excellent, and as worthy to be published in the Journal of Education, who obtained a First Class Grade A, Certificate, was allowed to see the questions, prior to the examination, and to cap the climax, as if to furnish a striking proof of the folly of "competitive examinations," actually succeeded in carrying off one of the medals, and "if they do these things in a green tree, what shall be done in the dry?"

Well may the *Globe* remark, "that in so far as our system of education is made competitive, it is made *unphilosophical in theory, and ruinous in practice.*"

So much for the degree argument of the Ottawa Teachers' Association, to whom we specially commend the forgoing strictures.