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TO CORRESPONDENTS.—*We shall be glad to receive from our friends everywhere, current medical news of general interest. Secretaries of County or Territorial medical associations will oblige by sending reports of the proceedings of their Associations to the corresponding editor.*

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ATTENTION!

We wish to call the attention of our readers to page 90 of the March number of the Journal, as we are sure there are many who must have either neglected to read it, or else having read it, neglected to give it that serious consideration which the importance (to us) of the subject demanded.

THE ONTARIO MEDICAL COUNCIL AND BRITISH QUALIFICATIONS.

Dr. Baldwin of this city, a graduate of the University of Edinburgh, has compelled the Ontario Medical Council to place his name on the register without examination. This will for the present settle the vexed question as to the right of holders of British qualifications to register in Ontario. Several members of the Executive Committee have interviewed the Dominion Government with a view to obtaining such legislative enactments, Imperial or Colonial, as will prevent this precedent becoming established. We hope they will succeed in their efforts, until at least a reciprocity of registration is granted. Of course, by exacting a very high fee for registering British qualifications, graduates in Canada intending to obtain such qualifications may be deterred from evading the Council examinations, but we would much prefer to see a reciprocity established, and we look forward to the time when such use shall be made of our abundant facilities for clinical instruction as will render it unnecessary for our students to undergo the great expense of pursuing their clinical studies abroad before entering upon the practice of their profession.

With more teaching at the bedside, and less lecturing in the class room, our schools should be able (and are able) to send out graduates with practical knowledge equal to that obtained at medical educational institutions in any country. At present, the Ontario Medical Council appears anxious to prevent students devoting much time to clinical and practical work, by compelling them to show that they have attended a far greater number of wearisome didactic lectures, than it is in the capacity of any student either to listen to attentively or digest advantageously. We have often referred to this absurdity, and trust that at the next meeting of the Council a move will be made to put an end to it, for we know that it causes students to be far more anxious to *cram* for the examinations than to obtain a thorough and practical knowledge of their profession.

LACTOPEPTINE.—This preparation, which is composed of pepsin, pancreatine, diastase (or vegetable ptyaline), lactic and hydrochloric acid, and sugar of milk, has already acquired an enviable reputation, both in this country and abroad, in treatment of many forms of dyspepsia and indigestive troubles in children. We have used it in a number of cases, and its use has, in our hands, been invariably followed by good results. Many practitioners use pepsin, but in this preparation we get not only the pepsin, but also several other substances of great, if not equal importance in aiding the digestive process. Not only do men like Loomis, Sayre, Percy, Packard, Meigs, Dawson, and Yandall recommend it, but the entire mass of the profession, so far as they have tried it, seem to approve of it as well.—*Exchange.*

HANCE BROS. & WHITE.—We have received from this firm samples of their absorbent cotton, which will be found of great service to surgeons and gynecologists, as a clean and pure absorbent dressing. This firm also advertises an extract of ergot for hypodermic use. One grain of the extract is equal to five grains of ergot. It is freely soluble in distilled water. Hance Bros. & White's mustard leaves afford a ready method of applying counter-irritation on short notice. *Read their advertisement.*