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RECIPROCITY IN MEDICAL DEGREES.

We have for many years strongly advocated the establishment of a great national University of Canada whose functions should be limited to examining candidates and granting degrees in Medicine, Law, Arts, Music and all the other branches, the graduates from which, by its high standing, should be exempt from further examination, not only in all the Provinces of the Dominion, but also in every country on the globe. With only one portal to the profession, and that portal the University of Canada, the Canadian M.D. would be recognized all over the world as a man of the highest professional attainments, and arrangements could probably be made whereby he could register in the United Kingdom and in other countries, on equal terms with those countries' own graduates. Or reciprocity could be arranged so that an M.D. Canada could receive the M.D. Paris, or M.D. London, and *vice-versa*, on payment of a small fee.

The establishment of a University of Canada would not entail such sacrifices upon the present teaching bodies as one would at first sight suppose. They could all continue their work of teaching and

collect their fees for the same as at present, and they could issue a diploma to those who have completed a satisfactory course, just as Guy's and Bartholomew's and the other schools in London do now, while the Central Examining Board of the University would be composed of representatives elected from all schools, who would receive a salary instead of the fees now collected from the graduates by the schools.

But even with a Central Examining Board or University of Canada there would still be a need for a Medical Council in each Province to regulate the internal economy of its own district, and to see that no more than one physician per thousand of population, or such other number as could earn an honorable living, should engage in practice in that province. It would be unjust and unwise to allow the peace and happiness of the practitioners already there to be destroyed by having to struggle for an existence with a flood of graduates from some other country. When the supply of doctors greatly exceeds the demand, there inevitably follows such a keen fight for life that professional honor and dignity suffer greatly.

While we would be glad to do all in our power to bring about reciprocity, so that one examination would suffice for all, yet we would be sorry if there were no means of limiting the number of practitioners in each province to that limit which experience has shown to be safe, in the interests of the public and the profession.

THE RELATION OF CONSTIPATION TO MENTAL DISEASES.

We have on several occasions pointed out in these columns the importance of constipation as a cause of diseases of the pelvic organs, prostate, uterus, ovaries and rectum. We feel equally certain that constipation is also the cause of a great many of the milder forms of mental derange-