

ing them from, but rather to give a few examples of brain injury, *and the slight mental alienation which resulted from these lesions*, many of which were of an extensive and serious character." This is a declaration of the purport of the paper. It is true I incidentally mentioned my disbelief of the Ferrier localization theory, but these statements were not based on the examples cited. I have given my views in full on this school in a number of monographs published during the last few years, some of which have been translated and published in several of the medical journals, especially in Paris, France. These contributions, however, are not the subject of the Doctor's criticisms.

I repeat, that my paper was mainly written to show that extensive brain injuries of the front part could take place without the loss of mental integrity, commensurate with destruction of tissue. How could these parts be centres of functional ideation?

Such being the case, Dr. Ferguson's critical scalpel has been dissecting a ghost.

I thank him, however, for his not unfriendly remarks, as they give me this opportunity to explain what, in my hurry and want of perspicuity, may lead to a like misunderstanding in the minds of other medical readers of the JOURNAL.

My respected friend might have a tilt at such men as Seguin of New York, Brown-Sequard of Paris, Schiff of Florence, Italy; Rokitsansky of Russia, Gower of England, Beevor of London, and a host of other distinguished men who do not accept the doctrines he has so warmly espoused. This monograph has enabled the Doctor to show his acquaintance with the literature of the subject.

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THE BALLOT IN MEDICAL COUNCIL ELECTIONS.

To the Editor of ONTARIO MEDICAL JOURNAL.

SIR,--The fierceness of the contest which has just taken place for the election of members of the Senate of Toronto University, and the apprehension of differences that may arise therefrom, among the various candidates and their respective supporters, have caused a desire on the part of a large number of convocation, for greater protection in future elections.

This might be accomplished in an easy and sat-

isfactory manner by employing the secret ballot system, now so nearly universal.

It has been a matter of surprise to me, that the Medical Defence Association in its late conference with a committee of the Medical Council, did not advocate this method of voting in territorial elections, as in these contests difficulties of a similar character have frequently occurred.

It is suggested that this scheme be proposed to the Medical Council before its next session in 1893, in order that, if approved, it may come into force at the next territorial elections.

I am, etc.,

Toronto, Oct. 10. J. H. BURNS, M.D.

AD EUNDEM DEGREES IN TORONTO UNIVERSITY.

To the Editor of ONTARIO MEDICAL JOURNAL.

SIR, The University of Toronto, as stated in its Announcement, will grant the ad eundem degree to graduates in medicine of Provincial or Dominion Colleges, provided they pay \$20, and have been in practice for ten years; considering the federation of Victoria and Toronto Universities. Would the above mentioned requirements be exacted of a graduate in medicine of Victoria, if he wanted the degree of Toronto University?

Sept. 21, 1892.

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Book Notices.

The Hygienic Treatment of Consumption. By Dr. M. L. HOLBROOK, New York.

We have been very much pleased with the contents of this little book. Within the compass of about 200 pages, necessary instructions are given to those who have a tendency to tuberculosis, as well as to those who are in the incipient stage of the disease, which if carefully and judiciously followed will prolong life, or may effect a complete cure. Each case, however, requires treatment peculiar to itself, and patients should not follow this or any other plan without consulting a competent physician. Although this work is written largely for the public, we are sure it will be read with great profit by the general practitioner. It makes prominent plans of treatment which are too much neglected.