their character and quality may be seen. To submit such men to a second examination, before a Board, a large proportion of the members of which could not themselves pass through the examination, which the holders of these degrees have previously successfully undergone, for the mere purpose of proving their competence, is to say the least an insult; and if for the purpose of proving that they were the bona fide holders of the Degrees or Diplomas, it becomes an absurdity. I desire to say but little of the character of the examinations at the Medical Board. That they are of an inferior stamp is a fact which is generally conceded; nor is the reason one of difficult solution. The large majority of the examinators are persons engaged, it may have been for years, in practice, who during the turmoils of an active professional life have forgotten the minutiæ, on which the superstructure of their own local distinction has been founded. While such men may be competent to test practically the acquirements of a candidate, they prove generally but sorry enquirers into his rudimentary knowledge, which is the point mainly to be determined. Hence it is, that in the Universities, a knowledge of both principles and practice is demanded, and the candidate undergoes a most scrutinizing examination on both subjects, by those most competent to determine his proficiency, viz: his teachers ; while at the Medical Board for the reason cited, he is examined usually in the latter only, and therefore the inferiority of the latter examination: and the difference of the relative standards is in nothing more clearly demonstrated than in the fact, that numerous cases have occurred, in which rejected candidates from McGill College have passed the Medical Board, while licensed candidates have failed to obtain their degree. British degrees should therefore be accepted, because they are a guarantee that the sworn holder has passed through every necessary test of proficiency; and they are proof, and the best proof, of his competence to practise.

Such then, are the remarks naturally called forth on analysing the answers to questions 1 2 and 3, and I think that the design in their proposal has been sufficiently disclosed.

The sixth question is a gem in its way, and deserves a much wider circulation than it is likely to receive in the pages of the report. Here it is:

"6. Speaking of Reciprocity in Physic : do you believe that