

ical Departments and asked them what kind of law they wanted in order to obtain subjects legally. We replied that a law with a penalty attached was necessary and also that the body must be claimed by relatives and not friends. So they went to the Provincial Legislature and requested the Government to pass such a law, which they promptly did; they were opposed only by a few English members. This law put an end to "body snatching" and provided an ample supply of subjects for the dissecting rooms. The law runs somewhat thus: "All persons dying in institutions (such as hospitals, jails, lunatic asylums) receiving aid from the Provincial Government, if not claimed by a relation nearer than the third degree in 24 hours, must be handed over to the Inspector of Anatomy for distribution in proper order to the medical schools." The penalty was of course the withdrawal of the aid furnished by the Provincial Government if the law was not carried out. It has proved most satisfactory, and all the subjects are obtained chiefly from the large lunatic asylums and without difficulty. The clause in the act which requires the claiming of the body by relatives, not further removed than first cousins, and this relationship to be sworn to before a magistrate, is a most important addition, for any friend or society could claim them heretofore.

Another feature of the law, which was introduced to satisfy the prejudices of the many, was the burial of the remains. The Protestant remains had to be separated from the Catholic, and the certificate of burial had to be handed over in due time to the Inspector of Anatomy. For many years now this law has been in force and it has worked well. In summer the College collects subjects, and after preparing them with preservative injections and filling the arteries with tallow or wax, the subjects are kept in hermetically sealed safes, placed on shelves and exposed to a continuous vapour of pure methylated spirits. In this way I was enabled to start the session with thirty to forty subjects, and when the cold weather came fresh subjects were obtained in sufficient quantities to go on with our work.