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THE January issue of the *Kingston Medical Quarterly* follows up the same plan as the first number of that journal. The editorial notes are short, the first dealing with the approaching conference of the British Medical Association which, to the honor of Canada, is to be held this year in Montreal; in the second some startling revelations are brought to light concerning immorality in Canada.

Dr. C. K. Clarke opens the technical part of the journal with some sound advice to the general practitioner about filling out certificates of insanity. He points out the risk incurred by any who may wrongly give a verdict of insanity and urges the greatest precaution in diagnosing that disease. When there is no doubt as to the insane condition of a patient, generalities in expression should be avoided. Specific statements are needed. Such terms as "general expression" and "appearance of eyes" may appear satisfactory, but when subjected to the scrutinizing cross-questioning of a clever lawyer readily collapse.

The subject of intubation, which is at present engaging the interest of the medical profession, is ably reviewed by Dr. J. C. Connell. The time to operate is indicated and the operation described. Dr. Connell enters a plea on behalf of intubation in preference to its twin operation, tracheotomy, giving what seems to be conclusive reasons why the former is preferable, and not the least of these, to our mind, is the unbounded success which has crowned his own efforts with the operation.

The report of a case of chronic gastritis associated with cæcinoma is well written by Dr. Herald and appropriate lessons drawn therefrom.

Dr. W. T. Connell's inaugural address appears in this issue and will amply repay perusal.

A rather remarkable case of procidentia uteri at the full term of pregnancy is well reported by Dr. Haig, of Campbellford.

The subject of recurrent appendicitis, its dangers, and advisability of immediate operation, together with a short outline of an operation performed, is ably treated by Dr. Garrett, who also describes an operation for removal of gall-stones, and a diagnosis of their presence and one for the excision of hæmorrhoids.

We would like to outline the subjects discussed in the remaining articles, but must content ourselves with the bare mention of them. Dr. Third reports a case of carsinoma of the pons, Dr. D. E. Mundell discusses the radical cure of hernia, and Dr. Wood a complicating case of erysipelas.

On the whole this issue is very satisfactory. The different articles are exceedingly well written, and the subjects treated possess the liveliest interest for the profession. There is only one fault—a trifling one at that—we have to find. There is a distressing number of misprints noticeable here and there throughout. It is something new to hear of anyone going to his "external rest," as the printer makes our worthy Dean say of the first medical graduates of Queen's.

The excellence of the articles, combined with their originality, and the interest that is being taken by outside physicians, all augur well for a bright future for the *Kingston Medical Quarterly* now in its infancy.

NOTES.

Medical Professor (lecturing on ophthalmology)—"Practising surgeons in British India state that operations on the eye are borne with varying degrees of fortitude by the different castes?"

Student—"What effect do they have on the ocular cast?"

One would think that an election was pending in the near future to see some students exercising their pull with the ladies at the rink.

Prof.—"Why is the life of a bird faster than that of a dog?"

Mr. A.—"Because it is so fly, sir!"

We are at present enjoying the company of a number of recent graduates, who are preparing themselves for that trying ordeal, the Ontario Council examination.

The increase in the membership fee of the Alma Mater Society will in all probability have the undesirable effect of reducing the medical membership of that Society. The dues which a medical student is called upon to pay are far in excess of those of any other student, and unless there is the keenest competition at election time it is extremely likely that the medical element will not be so much in evidence as it has been in the not very remote past.

Rumors are afloat to the effect that a session of the august and awe-inspiring Concursus is about to be held. It is further whispered that those students who persistently disturb the peace and quiet of the sanctified class-rooms with their hideous yells while indulging in the terpsichorean art are the offenders who will be brought to feel the error of their ways. It really seems a pity that quiet cannot be obtained while classes are going on even after repeated requests from Tom and the professors. No one will grudge medicals making all the noise they please between classes, if only they respect the wishes of their professors by maintaining a dignified silence at other times.