

Editorials.

DOMINION MEDICAL REGISTRATION.

We find in the last number of the *Kingston Medical Quarterly* a carefully prepared article on this subject. This journal probably represents the views of the "Queen's" men, and deserves consideration on that account; but it is fair to add, that apart from any local influences it has for years taken a very intelligent and broad view of the subject. In the first place, it refers to the fact that it has supported a Dominion Council with a Dominion license, rather than inter-provincial registration for three years.

In reference to Dr. Roddick's proposed bill, the first objection raised is the one which was made by Dr. Powell, of Toronto, last summer, that the apportionment by representation to the various provinces and territories was unfair, *i.e.*, three representing each of the seven provinces and the territories (the territories ranking as equal to one province) respectively. Thus Ontario and Quebec, with an approximate population of four millions, would have six representatives, while the rest of the Dominion with a population of one and a half millions would have eighteen. It is claimed that a fairer division would be to have the allotment as follows: Ontario and Quebec, six each; the other provinces, and the North-West Territories, two each. This would not mean representation by population in its entirety, but would give to the four millions of Ontario and Quebec twelve representatives, and to the million and a half in the rest of the Dominion a similar number.

A suggestion is also made that the method of appointing the representatives be changed. Let the clause making the various presidents of councils *ex-officio* members be modified as follows: In those provinces having two representatives, let one be appointed by the Governor-General in Council, and one by the Provincial Council, and in Ontario and Quebec one for each by the Governor-General in Council and five for each by the Council of each province.

As one of the duties of the new Dominion Council would be to prescribe the course of studies, the writer thinks that the