

GENERAL COUNCIL OF MEDICAL EDUCATION AND REGISTRATION FOR THE DOMINION.

We were rather gratified to observe that the Canadian Medical Association at its last meeting at St. John, N.B., did not take up or discuss a Medical Bill. We think that the Canadian Medical Association is not the place for such a discussion. If as a profession we feel that reform is necessary it can alone be obtained by united action. As a profession we should endeavour to unite, and such petty differences as those of creed, nationality or territorial position should not be permitted to divide our ranks.

We cannot see why we should not go to the House of Commons and obtain from it a bill or act to establish a General Council of Medical Education and Registration for the Dominion.

In this number of the journal we publish a paper from Dr. Botsford in which that gentleman shows the practical bearing of a proper system of registration. We have before alluded to the subject of a general law, and the necessity of carrying out a uniform system of registration. For, if we possessed a council such as they have in Great Britain, then indeed might some good arise. It is alone by pointing out and laying bare the fact, of a large mortality, from preventable disease, that communities will engage earnestly in the work of prevention, or at least of ascertaining the actual causes of the high death rate, with a view to their removal.

We suppose in introducing such an act the Local Legislatures would have to yield their consent, but to this we do not think any exception would be taken. We will refer to this subject again at an early date.