

When this University, the Catholic University of the Province, through its rector or principal, the Rev. Mr. Hamel, announced that it *would not* surrender the right which it held under its Royal Charter, for its graduates to demand the licence to practise without further examination, and that it denied the right of the Local Legislature to take it away, it was patent to every one in attendance, that the fate of the central examining Board was sealed. Nothing remained but to compromise matters, and endeavor to obtain a new Bill, which as far as possible should be an improvement over the previous one, and I think we have succeeded. A step in advance has been taken, and perhaps in time more conversions may be obtained.

Why one University should be able to thwart the wishes of all the others may seem singular to any one not fully acquainted with our Local Legislature. To those who are on the spot the reason is plain. Laval University, in my opinion, took a most unfair advantage by sending one of her Reverend Gentlemen to represent her, where a purely medical question was at issue, instead of one of her medical faculty. McGill University and Bishop's University did all they could to obtain a central examining board. That they failed is certainly not their fault. It is therefore not correct, nor is it fair to say "that the representatives of the Medical Schools, have succeeded in retaining the power of examination for the licence to practise; and that they could have carried the central examining board, if they had so desired it."

I may add that the gentlemen who went to Quebec, were not a Committee from the profession in Montreal, as stated by you, but represented the various interests concerned.

Yours, etc.,

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UNUSUAL DETENTION OF LIGATURE.

To the Editor of the CANADA LANCET.

SIR,—On the 16th of October last, together with Drs. Herriman and Philp, I tied the brachial artery, for a wound of the forearm. The patient was 44 years of age, muscular and healthy.

Before applying the ligature we individually examined the vessel, to satisfy ourselves that it was perfectly isolated. The wound healed rapidly. This afternoon, three (3) months since the operation, I made strong traction on the ligature, and found it apparently as firmly attached as at the time of its application.

Yours very truly,

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Lindsay, Jan. 16th, 1877.

THE LONDON HOSPITALS.

(Continued.)

To the Editor of the CANADA LANCET.

SIR,—Last month we left the Canadian graduate busily engaged at St. Thomas' Hospital, but some afternoon he may desire to see some of the other Institutions.

Suppose then he first visits Guy's Hospital, which is close to London Bridge. Here he will see Bryant, Birkett, Forster and Durham operate. Dr. Wilks' clinics are well worth attending, occasionally. There is here also, a beautiful collection of anatomical preparations in wax, and a museum of skin diseases worthy of close inspection. University Hospital, near Gower Street, always affords some interesting material. Operations are performed by Erichsen, Marshall, and Heath. On the medical side there are Dr. Reynolds, Sir Wm. Jenner and Dr. Fox.

St. Bartholomew's Hospital in Smithfield is one of the largest in London, and about the oldest. Here the surgeons are Holden, Savory, Callender and Thos. Smith. The student will always see some important operations at this Hospital. Savory performs Lithotomy with the left hand very rapidly and cleverly; while Thos. Smith's operations for cleft palate are very neatly done. At St. George's Hospital, Pollock, Lee and Holmes are the principal surgeons. It will be well to go round the wards with Mr. Pollock. His clinics are said to be very good.

Kings College Hospital, just back of the Royal College of Surgeons, is well worth a frequent visit. Here he will see Sir Wm. Ferguson, celebrated for his operations for cleft palate. Mr. Henry Smith is a good operator, and his clinics are worthy of attention; but the attraction is Mr. Wood, famous