

from our borders. This can, in our opinion, be best secured by a General Council of Medical Education and Registration having all the powers and authority in Canada which is held by the Medical Council in Great Britain.

MEDICAL NEWS.

DEATH OF PROFESSOR VELPEAU.

The Paris Faculty of medicine has been deprived of one of its most eminent members. Professor Velpeau breathed his last on Saturday, the 24th inst.

Velpeau was born in 1795, and was the son of a country blacksmith, and in his early years plied his father's trade. He received no higher education than what was usual in his station of life. When a lad of fifteen he was admitted for some slight disorder as an indoor patient at the Hospital of Tours. This trifling circumstance had a decisive influence upon his whole career. During his convalescence he acted as a servant in the wards of the Hospital. The quickness of his intelligence, and the interest which he seemed to take in everything connected with Medicine, attracted the attention of Bretonneau, under whose care he was placed. "Would you like to be a Doctor?" said he one day to this clever lad. "Of course I should," was the reply. Young Velpeau was sent to school at Bretonneau's expense, and, without ever becoming a first-rate classical scholar, soon acquired enough Latin to pass the examination which it was indispensable to get through before commencing his Medical studies.

He entered that Hospital as a student which he had formerly entered as a patient, and soon took his degree as an *officier de santé*.(a) He then paid a short visit to Paris, to see the great city before settling in practice in his own native place. But when he beheld the immense advantages which Paris held out to all those who wish to acquire instruction, a change came over his spirit. He gave up all idea of ever returning home; and, in spite of poverty—in spite of neglect—he began to work his way up. He gave lectures on anatomy, got a few pupils, and managed, by strenuous exertion, to keep body and soul together. His first great success was his nomination to the Prosectorate of the Faculty, which enabled him to improve his anatomical knowledge and establish his position as a rising man. The generous patronage of Profession Cloquet