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COLLEGE OF PHYSICIANS AND SURGEONS OF ONTARIO AND ITS DIPLOMA.

In the last number of this journal we reiterated the statement that some of the candidates who had passed the examinations of the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario, and whose names appear as licentiates in the published lists of the College, did not possess a diploma of any kind, and we published extracts from letters we had received from various gentlemen bearing on this subject. We have to announce that since our article went to press two of the gentlemen above referred to have received the coveted document.

It is a settled point, then, that the College does issue a diploma, but this is attended to in such a slipshod way as to throw discredit on the institution.

It is customary by all similarly constituted bodies either to appoint a special day upon which the graduate receives public acknowledgment, by some public ceremony, of his having passed a successful examination, and at the same time receives his diploma, or the Diploma of the College is presented to him by the presiding officer at the time that he is informed of his success. The candidate looks forward to the possession of the diploma as an evidence of his success; he has earned it, fulfilled all the necessary conditions, and passed the required examinations, he may be on the eve of leaving the country, and requires the diploma as evidence of qualification abroad. Young physicians who purpose practising their profession in Canada, register either in Ontario or in this Province of Quebec prior to entering on the real business of life. It may be that they desire to enter some public service. Having complied with all the rules and regulations of the College or the licensing body of the Province it is not too much to ask for an acknowledgment in the form of a diploma, and this diploma should be given to the successful candidate without delay.

The College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario has, however, instituted a new *regime*. The diploma of the College is held