

advancement and honour. This is not the plan followed by the Ontario Council. Dr. Oldwright was appointed an examiner in chemistry because he was innocent of any connection with the teaching of that branch and had devoted himself to other studies. We heartily commend the action of the worthy professor of sanitary science who promptly declined the appointment and refused to allow the stupidity of the Council to place him in a false position. The absurd rule by which teachers are excluded from taking part in examinations would soon be done away with were those appointed gifted with as much common sense and self-respect as was the last appointed examiner in chemistry.

THE COLLEGE OF PHYSICIANS OF PHILADELPHIA.—The Alvarenga prize, of the College of Physicians of Philadelphia, consisting of one year's income of the bequest of the late Senor Alvarenga, of Lisbon, has been awarded to Dr. R. W. Philip, of the Victoria Dispensary for Consumption and Diseases of the Chest, Edinburgh, for his Essay on Pulmonary Tuberculosis, which will be published by the College.

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### Obituary.

WM. KITCHEN PARKER, M.R.C.S.E., L.S.A., F.R.S., F.L.S., F.Z.S.—The death of this eminent man will be regretted by all scientific anatomists. His contributions to morphological anatomy were numerous and valuable, and his published works are well known to students of higher anatomy. For years Prof. Parker held the chair of Comparative Anatomy at the Royal College of Surgeons, England, and for a considerable number of years the Royal Society placed a large proportion of the Government grant for scientific research at the disposal of Prof. Parker for the purpose of illustrating and publishing his works. During the time Professor Parker was carrying on his scientific labors he was also engaged in a large and general practice. He had no private means, and as morphological anatomy is not a very lucrative pastime he was obliged to submit himself to the drudgery of general practice to get a living. A few years ago he retired on a small pension from the Government, and since