

whose main intention is but to fleece them, we observe with much pleasure that an amendment to the by-laws of the College was proposed (among others) at the semi-annual meeting held at Quebec last fall, which we hope will render it an easier matter in the future to obtain convictions. This by-law will be submitted at the semi-annual meeting of the members, which will be held at Three Rivers on the 12th July next, when we hope to see a large gathering of the profession. It provides that within three months after the passage of this by-law, every person now practising Medicine, Surgery, Midwifery, or Pharmacy, shall enregister on the books of the College, his or her name, age, place of residence, nativity, the date of his or her license, and the place where he or she obtained it. Also that all licentiates shall so enregister on taking out their license. This, we believe, is a good move, and one in the right direction; and we suppose, after a certain time, it will be quite competent for the College to treat as unlicensed or unregistered practitioners all whose names do not appear on the register of the College. This will, of course, tend much to facilitate any prosecutions in which the College may in future be engaged. In Great Britain, such is the law: indeed before any appointment can be obtained, the candidate has to produce his certificate of registration.

Let us hope that this amendment, when finally adopted, will mark a new era in the history of our profession in Canada; and by placing the College in a position to uphold its licentiates, who, as we have said before, look to it for that protection which we believe it is bound to give. It certainly is annoying, for any one who has passed years in properly qualifying himself for his profession, to find himself opposed in practice by one whose qualifications are *nil*,—who, notwithstanding all this, pursues his way without let or hindrance. Other amendments to the by-laws of the College will be brought up at the triennial meeting; and these, with the one we have alluded to, will be found in our last three numbers, and on the cover of the present one.

INSTITUTION FOR DISEASES OF WOMEN AND CHILDREN.

We understand from good authority that a new special charity is about being opened in Pimlico, London. The name, we believe, will be "The Institute for Diseases peculiar to Women and Children." The object is to afford relief—at present as a dispensary—and afterwards, as the funds increase, to extend the usefulness of the "institute," by providing a number of beds for women and children. We wish the charity every success, and the more so because it is so very much required in the