

blue-book in order to prove a simple question of fact. Surely there can be little honour in a position obtained or held by such questionable means.

We have two very acceptable additions to our number here in the persons of Dr. Belfry and Dr. Shore. We bid them welcome, feeling sure that they are likely to prove worthy members of the profession.

Of course the coming meeting of the Ontario Medical Association is expected to be the crowning event of the year in medical circles. It is to be held in Victoria Hall, the pleasantest room in the city for any meeting of the kind, on the third and fourth of June. This is the first time that the Ontario Medical Association has honoured London, and the medical men here are anxious that it should be the best meeting of the Society since its inception. So far the indications point to a meeting of more than usual interest. A large number of papers on interesting themes have been promised, and we believe the President has agreed to introduce a question drawer. Twenty minutes at each session is to be allotted to answering questions which may be handed in writing to the secretary. I am sure this will be a very pleasant change from the ordinary routine of reading papers, and be the means of eliciting a great deal of that valuable practical information, which is stored away so abundantly in the experience of the now-writing members of the profession. As usual the indefatigable General Secretary, Dr. White, has spared no pains to have everything in apple-pie order. The profession are certainly very much indebted to the Doctor for the interest he has taken in the Association, for I am sure it will not be denied that it is largely due to his efforts that it has been so successful. These meetings should never be missed; they enlarge the views, stimulate the energies, and afford a pleasant and profitable relaxation from the daily routine of practice. I never attend one without feeling that I have been well repaid, and that I must never miss such another opportunity. It is presided over this year by the venerable Dr. Worthington, of Clinton, a very veteran in association work.

I understand the professors of the London Medical School are jubilant over the success of

their students at the recent examinations of the Council. Two of them were excelled by none and equalled by only four or five, whilst every one sent up received honours. This is a very creditable showing for a young school, and may well excuse a little blowing. The "new room" seems to sweep clean, and their students evidently enjoy exceptional advantages. Let us hope for the credit of our Forest City that it may continue in the future to be managed as efficiently as in the past.

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KOUMISS—The following formula I have tested and found satisfactory; cane sugar seems to do as well as grape sugar:—

Rx.—Grape sugar  $\frac{1}{2}$  oz., dissolve in four ounces of water and add 20 grains of compressed yeast. Put in a quart bottle and fill with fresh milk to two inches from the neck. Cork tightly, wire, and put in a warm place. Shake three or four times during the day. Ready for use in 24 hours.—R. ZIMMERMAN, M.D.

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#### MR. LISTON.

There is living within a mile from me an old gentleman in his nintieth year, in full possession of his intellect, who is an interesting colloquist.

During a recent conversation with him, he told me he had been "Weel acquaint' wi' Leeston in Edinburgh," and that Liston was born one year before he was.

Mr. Liston, when twenty-six years of age, amputated the leg of the sister of this gentleman, who, by that eminent surgeon's orders, made his first wooden leg, and the first wooden leg Mr. L. had occasion to order. After that, as this gentleman says, "Liston would take them off, and I would put them on."

He describes Mr. L. as a fine-looking man, six feet high, built proportionately, and wearing side-whiskers.

He tells an amusing story of him of the long-splint fame. It seems he was inclined to be a little wild in his youth, and occasionally his countenance showed traces of it.

One day, when in company with a friend visiting an invalid gentleman in the country, the former took the latter he had better have an "advice." The reply of the latter was, "He had better take an advice himself."

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