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who has even a fairly lucrative practice, had better content himself in his present location rather than make the mistake of moving to the city, where he will have to face long hours of weary waiting.

CUT IT SHORT.—We are glad to learn that a large number of papers are in preparation for the meeting of the Ontario Medical Association. To those who are engaged in this work we strongly suggest brevity. Avoid poetry and unnecessary statistics. Let Hippocrates, Harvey, Hunter, and even Hahnemann repose undisturbed. Do not quote at unnecessary length from the Reference Handbook or from Gowers, or Osler, or Gray. Put your own ideas on paper and the meeting will be a brilliant success.

Two years ago the medical faculty of Toronto University underwent a reorganization, when three of the members of the staff contend that they were unjustly treated. More than a year has passed since they petitioned the Senate to have their claims considered. There was much delay in dealing with this important question, but at the last meeting of the Senate, held April 13th, the justice of their claim was recognized, and it was resolved that compensation should be made to the petitioners.

Enquiries are constantly being made by physicians in the country regarding the prospects of practice in this city, as they are tired of hard work and country life. To be candid, in answer we must say that there are too many physicians in Toronto. The profession is decidedly over-crowded, and collections are not so good as they should be. Many doctors, in fact, find it difficult enough to get a comfortable living and pay their honest debts. Any country physician, therefore,

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BACTERIOLOGICAL LABORATORY.

EDITOR DOMINION MEDICAL MONTHLY :

Sir,—In the *Canadian Practitioner* for March, I notice an editorial expressing the hope that "the Government of our Province," will spend some of its surplus on a bacteriological laboratory. The *Canadian Practitioner* does not say where it should be placed. It remarks that "Medical students would have a chance to learn many valuable lessons in it ; but as far as they are concerned, the work would be mostly post-graduate in character." Now if the laboratory should be placed in Toronto, how could the students of London or Kingston attend it or make use of it ? And again, if in Toronto, under which school would its management be placed ? or would it be made a portion of the present University system ? I cannot agree with the idea of the Government establishing such a laboratory and placing it under the control of any school or university for the use of students or for post-graduate study. The state has no right to use public funds in this way. If such a laboratory were placed under the control of any school or university, it would be an act of injustice to all the other medical schools and universities. It would be so grossly unjust that the other