

nors not only alive to the exigencies of the hour but competent to deal with the matter in a thoroughly satisfactory manner. We felt that improvements should emanate from the College itself, and that the attempt at Medical Legislation which was commenced last fall in Quebec, by what we may term outsiders, should be crushed out by the weight of public opinion. We feel and we are glad to know that in this matter we re-echo the sentiments of many of the Governors, that action must be taken at the meeting of the College on the 10th of May, so as to place matters in such a forward state, that in the October meeting at Quebec they may be finally arranged for presentation to Parliament at its Session in November or December. In such matters while many have a good deal to say, few seem willing to take the preliminaries necessary to place the matter in proper shape for progressive action. In the present instance, however, we are glad that in the person of Dr. R. Palmer Howard such a one has been found; and from a combination of circumstances, especially his connection with the late proposed Dominion Bill, no one more competent to deal with the matter could have assumed the position. Dr. Howard has drafted a number of amendments to the present Act, which he proposes to submit to the meeting of the Governors of the College this month, and we think that they are of a character to commend themselves to the Board. We certainly most heartily endorse them, and believe that their adoption will satisfy the general profession, which has been clamorous for several years for some such change. We publish them in detail in another column. They were brought before the Medico-Chirurgical Society of Montreal at a very full meeting on the 5th of May and considered clause by clause, and may in general terms be described as follows: It is intended to leave the constitution of the College as at present; the executive as heretofore shall be the Board of Governors and these shall be elected every three years as at present by the members of the College. The rights which holders of University degrees at present have of demanding their license without examination is to be done away with, and every one presenting himself for his license will have to be examined by the Board of Examiners; but no will be examined who is not the holder of a degree or diploma from some Canadian University or incorporated School of Medicine. The Board of Examiners is to be independent of the Board of Governors, but will be named by them, and is to consist of nine members, five of French nationality, and four of English nationality, and of this number four shall be

selected to represent school interests, that is, one from the University of Laval, one from McGill University, one from Victoria University and one from the University of Bishop's College; this latter clause is a very fair one indeed. Schools, by consenting to do away with the rights they at present possess, are giving up a great deal. And it is but right that at least one examiner from each school should be on the Board to see that full justice is done. Besides their presence assures the fact that the examinations will be what they should be. These examiners are to hold their appointments for three years, and are to be paid for their services. In the matter of Preliminary or General and Classical examination, the Universities are to give up their present right of conducting such examinations themselves. And such examinations are to be conducted by specially appointed examiners, two in Quebec and two in Montreal, one in each place of French and one of English origin. These are the main facts of Dr. Howard's proposed amendments, and we may state that they have been unanimously endorsed by all the teaching bodies in Montreal.

The Medico-Chirurgical Society devoted two hours and a-half to their discussion, and although a couple of trivial alterations to the original draft were made, the principle of the measure was unanimously endorsed by the Society. With this sign of activity from the constituted Medical authorities of the Province, we trust we have heard the last of that terrible *Medico-Legal* Bill, which was introduced by the Hon. Mr. Chapleau into the last session of the Quebec Legislature.

#### MONTREAL GENERAL HOSPITAL.

This Institution is at present undergoing some alterations in the Reid Wing, which will very considerably improve its internal appearance. Formerly on each flat, (of which there are three) there were two small and really very badly ventilated and ill-lighted wards, with one fair-sized ward. All these are now thrown into one, making a good-sized ward, well lighted, and having as good ventilation as can be had. The Small-Pox Wing has been thoroughly disinfected, and is now used as two large general wards. Its transmogrification was a few weeks ago inaugurated by an evening concert in one of the Wards. The Medical Staff have recommended the appointment of an Ophthalmic Surgeon, and we believe that the candidates will be Dr. Buller and Dr. Proudfoot. The out-door department, with a separate staff of Physicians