

Correspondence.

To the Editor of the CANADIAN JOURNAL OF MEDICAL SCIENCE.

SIR,—In the report of a "Case of (so-called) Tropical Abscess of Liver," published in your last issue, it is stated that a subsequent examination of the patient was made in the "presence of Dr. Canniff," &c. Your readers would naturally infer that I was present as a friend of the family, or from curiosity. I am not in the habit of trying to advertise myself by inviting professional or non-professional friends to see extraordinary cases I may have under my care, nor of being "present" at examinations or operations, unless in a professional capacity. In this case I was asked by the family of Mr. B. to meet Dr. Aikins in consultation, who had called in Dr. H. H. Wright. I was in consultation for four days, and was equally responsible with those gentlemen in making a diagnosis, and in determining the course of treatment to be pursued.

Respectfully yours, WM. CANNIFF.

Toronto, 13th June, 1882.

[We are sorry that Dr. Canniff has suggested such an interpretation, as Dr. Cameron wrote out the report, and the possibility of this misconstruction would never have otherwise occurred to him.—ED.]

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SIR,—During the last year I have read a great deal in your valuable JOURNAL about Dr. Bray's "*inexpensive*" method of examining a certain Dr. (?) John Hall, Homœopath, of Toronto. What does it all mean? I have never seen anything in the act which provides for "*inexpensive*," or any other method of examination before the Medical Council than the one specified therein. If I am correct, (and I think I am) the expense for "*final examination including registration*" is \$30.00, I, therefore, cannot see where the "*inexpensive*" comes in, when the said Dr. (?) Hall's father paid \$20.00 each, to at least five members of the Council, after the said examination was over, which was really only a nominal one, and not a test of professional qualification, which I suppose an examination to be intended for. Was this

\$20.00 (*each*) transaction, an understood thing before the "*examination*"? I have my information from one of the \$20.00 recipients *himself*, a Homœopath, consequently it is very likely true, and if the council requires his name for the purpose of investigating the matter I will give it. Did *each* and *every* member of the council, who voted for Dr. Bray's "*inexpensive*" motion and against Dr. Wright's "*protective*" one, receive the same amount? If so, I would consider it a *very expensive* method. Again, how did Dr. Bratton, late of London, Ontario, become registered a few years ago? It is well known in London that *he* did not comply with the requirements of the law. Is there *much* of this kind of work going on in the council? If so, it is very *unjust* to the profession generally, and not *very creditable* to the Medical Council of Ontario, while, at the same time we condemn the acts of the *no'orious Buchanan* of United States' fame and his *very learned* "*graduates*" (?). Is anything ever to be done with these Buchanan "*gentlemen*"? They are *each* and *every* one of them guilty of violating the law by securing "*registration*" by misrepresentation, (in act or word) or in very plain terms, *fraud*, for *they know how* they obtained these *high* (?) *degrees* and *just how much they are worth* (*professionally and financially*), *professionally*, nothing, *financially*, a great deal. Can it be possible, Mr. Editor, that money can purchase medical registration in our Ontario? Have the members of the Council "*sold their birthright for a mess of pottage*?" I sincerely hope not. Being only a *country* practitioner, and living a long way from the great medical centre, I (of course) am ignorant of many council and other matters professional, but having been a very long time "*in harness*," and taking a great interest in every thing that concerns my profession, and more especially its honor and integrity, I desire to learn and know all I can regarding its affairs. I, therefore, write you for information. Hoping you will give me all the information which I have asked for, and that you will excuse the length of this letter.

I am yours truly,

C. W. FLOCK, M.D.

LEAMINGTON, June 9th, 1882.