

make annual pilgrimages, the avowed object being to lessen the expense to the Dominion Council. Lessen the cost to the Council by throwing it all on the students! Are there no hospitals in Halifax, Kingston, London, Winnipeg? Or are they so miserably equipped that clinical examinations could not be held? Better to send the examination papers, and even an examiner, to the mountains than make the mountains—or the students—go to the examiners, we should say.

Dr. Roddick has a praiseworthy object in view, but his bill in its present form is hopelessly bad. It has no consistent principle. He allows, for example, the homeopathic practitioners to elect their representatives, but declines to give the same privilege to the allopaths. One would suppose him to be a homeopath or a Don Quixote, but as he is neither the one nor the other, what is the explanation?

We advise him to withdraw the bill until the Canadian Medical Association has considered it, on a day appointed for the purpose, instead of a day and hour when it is possible to get a snap verdict. His speech shows that he knows the history of the efforts made to get Dominion registration, and the failures teach a lesson. According to the *Globe*, "Dr. Roddick explained the efforts made in 1869 to obtain a bill giving force to the resolution of the profession, and reviewed the causes which led to the rejection of the bill and the temporary cessation of the efforts. Some seven or eight years ago the agitation was renewed, and an effort was made to obtain an inter-provincial registration. There was a strong feeling among the profession in Quebec that a central examining body should be established there to meet the conditions in Ontario, and a bill was introduced in the Quebec Legislature, but it was so strongly opposed by the heads of McGill, Laval and Bishop's Universities that it did not pass. Even had it passed it would only have brought about an understanding between the Provinces that might be disturbed at any time, and on that Provincial reciprocity it would have been impossible to secure reciprocity with Great Britain, and perhaps France." The lesson is, know the conditions before you attempt to legislate.

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