

seems impossible to attain under the present system. One university advertises its lectures for less than one half the amount demanded by another : in self defence, that other will lower the standard of examination and open its doors to the half educated student, or it will exercise its discretionary powers and dispense now and then, with the full measure of its requirements for the degree, or, as has been done, it will connive at the imperfect method of instruction adopted at some sympathising School, which acts as a feeder to it, and recognize tickets for lectures on three or four different branches of education delivered by one and the same person. It is in this way, that every emergency will be met, and there is no remedy for this and many other abuses, we have not now space to enumerate, but the establishment of *one Licensing Board and uniformity of Medical Education.*

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#### MARINE HOSPITAL AT QUEBEC.

We have received a pamphlet from Dr. Marsden of Quebec, containing many charges of a serious nature against the management of the Marine Hospital at Quebec, and since its receipt, we notice that Messrs. Dunscombe of the Inspector General's Office, and Parent, the Assistant Secretary for Lower Canada, have been appointed Commissioners to investigate these charges. We are ignorant of the Medical qualifications of these gentlemen, and cannot be persuaded that they are the fittest persons to inquire into such charges as the following, which we quote from Dr. Marsden's pamphlet :—

“ I had occasion as long ago as the 1st of March, 1851, to complain to the Commissioners for the second time, that a patient (a servant of my brother-in-law,) had died in the Hospital *from improper treatment*, and stated that I was prepared to prove my charges whenever the Commissioners chose to call upon me ; but from that day to this, the only result, as far as my charges were concerned, has been an *ex parte examination* of the *guilty parties*, (not their accusers) and the publication of a disgusting and false report, that would, from any other source than Parliament, have been treated as a libel. Whenever the portals of the Institution are opened to an impartial investigation, either by Parliament, or by an independent Commission, I shall be able and prepared to expose a few more of the professional delinquencies that have disgraced the management of the Institution for some time past, such as unnecessary operations, followed almost by immediate death !—death from improper treatment, and ignorance!! attempting dangerous and unnecessary operations, threatening life, by ignorant and unskilful persons!!!—commencing operations, which the operator was unable to complete ; and rendering the sufferer worse than before!!!—scald-