

A single month added *at once* would be a great improvement on the present crush and cram, with its consequent reaction and numerous other evils. Certainly, among other improvements, it would be very desirable if that portion of time which a student wastes in gossip and ill-directed or undirected work in the dissecting room could be saved for other subjects which are on short allowance as to practical work. The subject is large and one of vital importance. The views of Professors Farlow, Whitman, Humphrey and of "Observer" appeal to all thoughtful medical men; for it is to the profession as a whole that we must look for that sort of improvement that will be certain and deep, because springing from a profound conviction of its real importance, uninfluenced by any local, temporary or time-serving policy. I write to show that "Observer" is not alone, but in his views has the sympathy of the best thinkers and most successful teachers in all departments. That changes are needed and must come soon is the opinion of

Yours sincerely,

ANOTHER OBSERVER.

Medical Items.

—Mr. Savory has been re-elected for the third time President of the Royal College of Surgeons, England.

—Active steps are being taken to establish a Therapeutical Society in London. Strange that the unwise words of a great man should have been the means whereby this wise suggestion should have its birth. Sir William Gull, at the late meeting of the British Council for Registration, denounced what he was pleased to call the "drug" treatment of disease, and as result we are likely to have a special society from whose work we have no doubt great benefits will come.

—The English committee appointed to investigate into Pasteur's work on the prevention of hydrophobia have reported very favorably. They believe that it is certain that the inoculations prevented the occurrence of hydrophobia in a large proportion of those who underwent the operations. This report is hailed with great rejoicing by the many friends of the distinguished savant. Despite the great names appended to the English report, the question is far from being settled. This settlement can only be arrived at through long-continued and laborious researches.