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Other Toronto graduates who have held appointments at Johns Hopkins Hospital are: Theodore Coleman, first assistant resident surgeon; Norman B. Gwyn, first assistant resident physician and clinical bacteriologist to the hospital.—*Evening News*.

## Correspondence.

*To the Editor of THE CANADIAN PRACTITIONER AND REVIEW :*

DEAR SIR,—A lady called on me after the death of her little child, whom I had attended, to have a certificate of death from a life insurance company filled in. Among the questions asked on the insurance blank were: "Is there any tendency to consumption or other hereditary disease in the family?" "When and for what have you attended deceased prior to last illness? Give the immediate and remote cause of death," etc. These questions are quite proper to be asked by the company's examiner before the acceptance of a person's application, but to ask them of the family physician after his patient's death is a piece of gross impertinence.

The insurance companies have the additional effrontery to require him to go to a notary's office, and take an oath that the information supplied is true. I also find that no fee is allowed by the companies to the physician, who thus betrays his patient.

In the case related above I refused to fill out the document further than to give the information required by the "Death Return" issued by the Registrar-General of Ontario. I would like to know, Mr. Editor, your opinion in the matter. If you agree with me, the attention of the Committee on Ethics of the Medical Council ought to be drawn to the matter.

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