

Provincial Medical Acts, so far as I am aware, full power is given the Councils to fix the period of study, make their own curricula, and to conduct their own examinations in the way which to them may seem best. Now, all the colleges and universities in the Dominion, so far as I can learn, require four full years of study from a student before going up for his degree, but those of British Columbia, whose Council is satisfied with three. The teaching in all these institutions is very similar, so that it would not be a difficult task to make them uniform in this respect. Then all that remains to be done is to appoint a Central Medical Examining Board for each province, to examine and recommend for license all graduates, leaving the universities the power of granting degrees only. I shall make no more suggestions on this point, as committees from each province were asked to meet in this city to discuss this matter fully, and I trust their deliberations will result in bringing about the object we all so much desire.

There is one thing that must always be borne in mind, however, and that is, no matter how or by what means reciprocity is brought about, the standard of medical education must always be advancing. This is something we owe both to ourselves and the public, although the latter are slow to appreciate the sacrifices we are constantly making in their behalf. When will they understand that it is more to their interests than ours that medical men should be thoroughly trained and well educated? These same people would never think of retaining an uneducated and incompetent lawyer to conduct a case when only their money or property was at stake, nor would they employ a poor mechanic to build their houses, or hire a worthless labourer who was incapable of doing the work intrusted to him. Yet they do not hesitate to put themselves under the care of and intrust their health and lives to those travelling charlatans who are without the slightest pretence to a thorough medical training (or as Dr. Campbell, one of the homœopathic members and vice-president of the Ontario Medical Council, puts it, "those uneducated, incompetent and dishonest persons who prey on the misfortunes of the sick and distressed : parasites on the profession and plunderers of the people"), and pay enormous fees and those in advance : such