

Persons who are not able to pass the examinations of the regular colleges, are notoriously in the habit of going before the so-called Eclectic Medical Board, and obtaining a certificate which entitles them to practice.

The remedy for this is simple, but exceedingly difficult to apply. It will be said that we are only anxious to get a finger into the Homœopathic and Eclectic pie for the sake of spoiling it. We utterly disclaim any such wish. We wish such laws to be passed and enforced as will ensure the competency of all who practice Medicine. It is more the affair of the public than ours. We wish the patrons of the Homœopathists to have men to serve them who understand Homœopathy, and that those who favor the so-called Eclectic School should have educated Eclectics to attend them.

In conclusion, we again protest that we desire no unfair advantage. All we desire is that every branch of the profession should be made amenable to the same laws, and those who are in the right need not fear the result.

NON-RESPONSIBILITY.

THE Editor of this Journal does not hold himself responsible for the views of his correspondents, and while differing from them sometimes, he is happy to receive such communications, as, while encouraging discussion, will stimulate our Profession to those researches in the practical and theoretical grounds of our noble calling, which must, while being pursued with energy, end in discoveries which will enable us to point with pride to our profession in this Province. It has become the habit with some, who are bigoted and illiberal themselves, to charge our profession in its entirety with illiberality and want of advancement in Medical science. They say at times, in terms of contempt, the old school, forgetting that nearly all the discoveries belonging to our special branch, the healing art, have been opened up by the devotion of a lifetime given to special research by those, some of whom have passed away, who are recognized wherever medicine is practiced as the great benefactors of our race. The special advantages which have been claimed to have followed other modes of practice than our own have yet to be realized, and those drugs which have claimed to be introduced by others have in a number of cases been used by the members of our profession for a great number of years with recognized benefit. A number of Drugs used by the Homœopathist and Eclectic, and which are claimed specially by themselves, have been known and used, we may say, for centuries. And in conclusion we can only say, in the words of Sir Thomas Watson, in his introductory lecture to his students, only changed

to suit by the transposition of some of the words: "The Physician must not be the ant, collecting all things indiscriminately from all quarters, as remedies for disease; nor the spider, seeking no materials abroad, but spinning his web of speculative doctrine from within himself; but rather the bee, extracting crude honey from various flowers, storing it up in the recesses of his brain, and submitting it to the operation of his internal faculties until it be matured and ready for use.

We have received from several of our subscribers papers containing advertisements and announcements of some medical men, who by such advertisements disgrace themselves, and bring discredit on the profession to which they belong, and for their benefit would call their attention to paragraph 3 in the Code of Ethics adopted by the American Medical Association, and by our own:—

Duties for the Support of Professional Character.

It is derogatory to the dignity of the profession to resort to public advertisements, or private cards or handbills, inviting the attention of individuals affected with particular diseases; publicly offering advice and medicine to the poor gratis; or promising radical cures; or to publish cases and operations in the daily prints, or suffer such publications to be made; to invite laymen to be present at operations, to boast of cures and remedies, to adduce certificates of skill and success, or to perform any other similar acts. These are the ordinary practices of empirics, and are highly reprehensible in a regular physician.

MEDICAL ATTENDANCE ON TRADES, &c.

The following circular has been forwarded to us by a medical student, asking our opinion upon the subject. This system of providing medical attendance upon societies, trades, etc., is certainly practised in England and other countries, but to so great an extent has the competition been carried, that medical associations have been forced to interfere in this matter, and have recommended that a scale of fees should be fixed, below which no medical man with the consent of the association should be allowed to charge.

The evils such a system would give rise to in this country are so great, and so numerous, that no medical man having the interests of his profession at heart would countenance in any manner such a form of attendance:—

SIR,—In pursuance of a system pretty generally adopted in the old country in manufacturing districts, I have resolved to lay before the operatives of the — factories a scheme by which they can obtain regular medical attendance for themselves and families at greatly reduced rates yearly.

My project is this: that each subscriber pay a quarterly sum of \$1.50 in advance or \$6.00 yearly;