

I think not. Let us make the course as difficult as the requirements of the profession demand in the way of studies. But let us not pile up financial barriers against the poor but deserving student. Of the two ways of increasing the time of study, I must confess I am in favor of a fifth year provided we are sure that that year is actually devoted to study.

At the present there appears to be a general feeling amongst the medical practitioners throughout the Dominion that the existing system of registration is anomalous. As a consequence we find that the various Provincial Medical Societies and the Dominion Medical Association have been discussing and appointing committees to confer with each other regarding the possibility of obtaining reciprocity of registration between the various Provinces composing our Dominion. Could this be obtained on a basis satisfactory to each of the Provinces and on terms and conditions likely to be permanent, I am of opinion that it would be greatly in the interests of the profession as well as of the general public. Frankly, however, I must confess that I am not sanguine of such a consummation being attained. The requirements for registration in the various Provinces are at present greatly at variance. In order to bring about reciprocity each must yield a little. Those whose requirements are higher than others must be willing to come down and those whose requirements are lower than others must be prepared to come up. Even if by this process of leveling reciprocity were obtained, I am dubious of its success and permanency. Should any one Province in the near future wish to raise or lower its standard would it have the power of doing so without consulting the other Provinces or would it have to wait until it could persuade the other Provinces that such a raising or lowering of the standard was in the best interests of the profession. In the former case we would soon be back to our present condition ; each Province would have a standard of its own differing from that of all others. Would the agreement then hold ? I fancy not. In the latter case, no matter how anxious one Province might be to raise the standard it could not do so until it had brought the others to its way of thinking. I am much afraid in that case the standard would have to remain as originally agreed upon and advancement in the requirements for registration would practically become an impossibility. Were it possible to obtain it, a Dominion Licensing Board would be much better. Nor do I see