

one school with the students of another we are astonished that so large a number, as do, submit to its ordeal. There, it would seem, the student may be rejected simply because he had the misfortune to get into the wrong hands,—into the fangs of the opposition. Be he ever so brilliant his fate may be doomed when it is whispered that he did not attend “our” school, and his examination cannot be begun without first discovering whose classes he followed. Rolph men sitting in judgment on the Trinity youths and the Trinity men on the Rolph youths. The ex-professors of Toronto University struggling against both parties, or joining either one as the diversion seemeth most delightful. That we have not overdrawn the subject we quote from the correspondent “no candidate is examined by his own teachers but by some of the other members present, who are chiefly connected with rival institutions.” How much abuse of authority and over-riding of judgment, by feeling, lay concealed beneath this guise of impartiality we dare not estimate,—it is enough for us to inquire: Will any one after learning this be surprized that gentlemen should shun both schools and examiners, and seek refuge in Montreal to be educated and privileged—where among manifold advantages, justice stands preeminent? It appears that even those who witnessed the late examinations at Toronto, were of the unanimous opinion that they were very unfair and regretted to observe the proceedings occasionally characterized by much unpleasant feeling and the absence of harmony. And as a grand finale two thirds of those who presented themselves were rejected. This, however, is no proof of superiority in the board, nor of ignorance in the candidates, for the most expert student may be puzzled by the least talented examiner, if the latter be sufficiently dishonest to ask crabbed questions on uncommon subjects, and prime himself from authors only read by practitioners. But an act like this, paltry and discreditable though it be, defeats the very object sought to be gained, since thereby neither competency nor inefficiency can be determined.

The only unexceptionable manner in which the fact of relative superiority could be tested is obviously not practicable. It being impossible to ascertain the comparative ability of examiners, and of the functions they discharge. The results of the two boards would also be fallacious, from the working of corruption in the one, and the freedom from it in the other. Relying, however, upon information ascertained from a large number of gentlemen, we have no hesitation in assigning the superiority to the College of Physicians and Surgeons, L. C. We have known students who, after passing at Toronto, came to Montreal for further study, and at the end of the session be only *then* as well qualified