

Correspondence.

To the Editor of the CANADIAN JOURNAL OF MEDICAL SCIENCE.

CLINICAL EXAMINATIONS.

SIR,—The importance of thoroughly testing the *practical* knowledge of candidates is now universally recognized, and every year the clinical part of the final examination takes a more prominent place. A man may cram enough to enable him to pass a good written and oral examination, and at the same time be utterly unfit to practice medicine. Let me give an instance. A few years ago I happened to be present at the oral examination of candidate A, who had already been rejected once. The subject was practice of medicine, and he made a *first-class* examination, so much so that another gentleman who was present expressed no little astonishment at the fluency and excellence of the answers. His written paper was of the same character. The clinical examination showed that this man was hopelessly ignorant in the practical application of his knowledge. I was permitted afterwards to see the written report on a case for which he had an hour. It was simply atrocious, and displayed ignorance of the first principles of diagnosis. The clinical examination was the cause of his rejection. But what of that! He did not care, as he got a license to practise in a short time from a Board without clinical examinations.

No better plan can be followed than that adopted by the London Board—the student is sent to the Hospital, and has an hour or an hour and a-half with the Medical Examiner, and the same time with the Surgical one. He prepares a report on a case; sees one or two other patients; examines secretions chemically and microscopically, and has questions upon them. To conduct such examinations properly, ample time must be given, as not more than eight or ten men could be examined in a single day.

I have the honor to remain,

Yours, &c.,

PRACTITIONER.

Bodies used for anatomical purposes in Paris, are henceforth to be cremated.

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TO CORRESPONDENTS.—*We shall be glad to receive from our friends everywhere, current medical news of general interest. Secretaries of County or Territorial medical associations will oblige by forwarding reports of the proceedings of their Associations.*

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MEETING OF THE CANADA MEDICAL
ASSOCIATION.

This year's meeting of this Association will be opened on Wednesday morning, September 6th, in the City Council Chamber, which is situated south of the St. Lawrence market, Toronto; the President, Dr. Fenwick, of Montreal, occupying the chair. It has been decided by the Committee of Arrangements to have the meeting last three days instead of two, i.e., through Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday.

As we stated in our last issue, Dr. Daniel Clark, Superintendent of the Toronto Asylum for Insane, will entertain the members at luncheon, probably on Thursday. The reception by the profession of Toronto to those coming from a distance will be given on Thursday evening in the Normal School buildings, and will take the form of a *conversazione*. The Chairman of the Committee of Arrangements, Dr. Canniff, will occupy the chair on that occasion, and it is expected that our distinguished veteran, Dr. Workman, will deliver an address of welcome to the outsiders, to which Dr. Fenwick will probably respond. During the rest of the evening the guests (including ladies) will, it is expected, enjoy themselves by listening to the music which will be provided, promenading through the spacious and handsome buildings in free and unconventional conversation, partaking of refreshments to be provided in the shape of a substantial supper, &c.

The Directors of the Industrial Association kindly invited the members to attend the formal opening of the Exhibition, which is to