

"That all actions brought against medical practitioners for malpractice must be instituted not later than one year from the date of such so-called malpractice, and also that security for costs in suits for damages be given by plaintiff." It is suggested in regard to the latter that a private examination might be held before a judge of the Superior Court, and if he thought it doubtful that a conviction would be obtained against the defendant he might order the plaintiff to give security for costs. We are somewhat doubtful, however, whether such a provision can be successfully carried through the House, inasmuch as it may be considered class legislation, but it is well worth the effort. The proper payment of medical witnesses in courts of law or equity constitutes another important clause which we hope to see enacted.

One very important clause referring to the internal discipline of members of the College is urgently required. It is useless for the Ontario Medical Council to proceed against unlicensed practitioners and enforce the penalties of the Act, so long as impecunious registered practitioners are permitted to prostitute their high calling by accepting salaries from the ignorant pretenders who infest the country. The following clause, taken from the British Medical Act, giving the Council power to erase or suspend the name of any one who has been "guilty of any infamous or disgraceful conduct in a professional respect," might without any difficulty be passed through the House. There appears to be considerable objection to the proposed clause relating to the annual fees payable to the Council. Many object to the payment of an annual fee of \$5, and also to the commutation life payment of \$20, less the amount already paid in annual assessment dues, claiming that it is an interference with vested rights. The main difficulty appears to arise out of the inconvenience of collecting the small annual fee of \$1 under the present working of the Act. If, therefore, the following clause were added, leaving the annual assessment as at present, the matter would be placed on a more satisfactory footing, viz.: that such fee shall be deemed to be a debt due by the member to the College, and be recoverable with costs of suit in the name of the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario, in the Division Court in the City of Toronto.

EDWARD M. HOOPLE, M.D. L.R.C.P. etc.

Dr. Hoople of Atlanta, Ga., formerly of Toronto, who died on the 3rd of last month of typhoid fever complicated with hemorrhage of the bowels, was a young man of great promise. He graduated with honors in Trinity Medical College in 1883, and after obtaining the above mentioned British qualifications, settled in Atlanta, Ga. We have received a long letter from Dr. G. G. Roy, Prof. of Materia Medica in the Southern Medical College, giving a detailed history of his illness, and speaking in the highest terms of his professional abilities, kindness of heart, and amiability of character. We regret that the letter is too long for the space at our disposal. Dr. H. was rapidly gaining the confidence of the people in his new-found southern home, and had he lived would soon have secured a lucrative practice. His family and friends have our deepest sympathy in their affliction.

GEO. W. NELSON, M.D. C.M.

The subject of this notice was resident surgeon of the Panama Canal Company's Hospital. He came of a family of doctors, being the ninth in direct descent, and the second son of the late Dr. Horace Nelson of Montreal. He graduated with honors in Bishop's Medical College in 1879, taking the final prize. After graduation he practiced a short time in Mount Forest, Ont., and then in Marleton, Que. His health having given way he removed to a warmer climate, and being offered the appointment in the Canal Company's service he accepted it. He filled the position not only most ably, but also amassed a valuable collection of clinical notes on the fevers of the country; and a series of meteorological observations conducted by him, will throw some valuable light on the influence of atmospheric conditions on yellow fever. They will be published for the benefit of the profession, in the near future. He was a man of genial and kindly nature, frank and manly in his social relations, and much loved and respected. We tender Dr. Wolfred Nelson, and the other members of the family, our warmest sympathy in their sorrow and loss.

EDWARD JENNINGS, M.D.

We regret to announce the death of Dr. Edward