

still wearing same tube, and has never had any difficulty in introducing catheter through it and washing out cavity.

Although the tube is now $4\frac{1}{2}$ inches in length, and former tube ($3\frac{1}{2}$ inches long) was too short to go completely through chest-wall, these lengths do not represent the thickness of the wall, as the direction of the tube is obliquely backward, the inner orifice being quite an inch external to the outer opening.

Correspondence.

THE MEDICAL REGISTER.

To the Editor of the Medical Record.

SIR,—Having within the last year brought an action for medical services, for a large amount, it was necessary for me to prove not only that I was registered, and had paid the annual subscription, but that “the production of a printed or other copy of the register, certified under the hand of the Registrar of the College of Physicians and Surgeons of the Province of Quebec, for the time being” was equally necessary. I applied to the Registrar for “such printed or other copy of the register,” and in reply received a certificate to the effect that I was a registered member, and had paid my annual subscription.

To my surprise the lawyers, on both sides, declared this certificate, gorgeous in its armorial bearings, and signed “Dr. L. LaRue, Registrar,” was not worth, in this case, the paper upon which it was written. What was wanted was a “printed or other copy of the register,” or, if a certificate was offered in proof, such certificate should be “upon such printed, or other copy of the register.”

Failing this I must produce the Registrar himself and his register. In consequence of this difficulty my case was put off.

Why is it that after the lapse of more than two years such printed or other copy of the register has not been prepared to meet such cases as mine? I respectfully submit that if I pay the College of Physicians and Surgeons an annual subscription, I am entitled to something in return. If the College obliges me to conform to certain conditions before I can recover at law, it should, with as little delay as possible, and without putting me to extra cost, put me in a position to prove that I had conformed to those conditions. As it is, in addition to the glorious uncertainty of the law, I have the consolation of knowing that the delay may lose me my golden opportunity. Perhaps, however, if I lose my case through this negligence, I may be able to ask the College to entertain a question of damages.

Within a few days I have received what purports to be the “The Medical Register.” Apart from the

flimsy “get up” and the absurd errors of that register, it is not too much to say that it is utterly worthless as evidence of registration in point of Law, inasmuch as it has nothing on the face of it to show that it is published by authority of the College. It has neither the certificate, nor the name of the Registrar. It is true that it ends with a remarkably candid N.B., admitting the incompleteness of the registration, and suggesting that those whose names, age, residence, qualifications and additions are so frightfully mangled, and those who are so mercifully left out altogether, “will please enquire to Dr. LaRue, Registrar, St. Georges Street, St. John Suburbs, Quebec.”

It may not be out of place to notice a few of the ridiculous errors of this same register:

- Dr. Johnston, of Sherbrooke, is not mentioned.
- Alexandre, Walter, is a *Frov.* Lic. !!!
- Bolduc, Jos. Etienne, is Bolduc!
- DeBonald, W. S., is DeBouald!
- Brown, Arthur A., is a B.A.!
- Ethier, C. M., is a D.C.M. !!!
- French, William J., St. Hyocinthe, is M.D. College, 1834.
- Gibson, John B., *Durham* for Dunham.
- Hopkins, A., is Hopkin, A.
- Loverin, Nelson, is M.D.L., McGill.
- Molson, Wm. A., is L.M.R.Q.C.P.I.
- Meigs, John, is converted into Meighs.
- Mignault, Jos. Ans., is M.D. Univ. *Harwood*, B.N.S.A.!
- Parke, Charles Smith, is L.R.C.P.C.S.
- Reddy, John, is L.R.C.L.J.
- Rowand, Alex., is M.D.L.R.C.S.S.E.
- Wanless, John, is L.F.P.S.S., Glasgow.
- White, William Henry, is Licentiate Society Apothecary, County London !!!
- *Riddell, Alexander, Milloy, Prov. Lic., May 8, 1860.
- *Riddell, Alexander D., Milloy, Prov. Lic., May 8, 1850.
- Robitaille, Olivie., is M.D. Univ. *Howard*, Boston.
- Tabb, S. E., is metamorphosed into Table!
- Smith, William P., is Lic. Faculty *Ply. Cob.*, Glasgow, 1830!
- Worthington, Edward D., is A.M.M.D.F.R.C.S. Edin., all one jumble of medical qualification, and to add to the poor man's sorrows, he is put down aged 64!!!
- I think, Sir, the wicked man who compiled that register ought to be indicted for manslaughter. He has no respect for age, name, residence, or qualification. Even our highly revered President himself has not escaped his blunder-buss, he has converted the honored name of Rottot into *Rot-hot!!!*
- Seriously, I would recommend that a respectable register, printed on good paper, and alphabetically arranged, should be at once compiled, but before

* These two Riddells are the same. How one got a License in 1850, and the other in 1860, is another Riddle! Milby, and not Milloy, is the place of residence.