

of Surgeons, England, enclosing the following resolution adopted by the Council of that body, formally recognizing the Fellowship Diplomas of the school. "That, as recommended by the Court of Examiners, Fellows by Examination of Trinity Medical School, Toronto, be admissible to the professional examination, for the Diploma of Member of the College on the same conditions as Graduates in Surgery and Medicine of recognized universities, as provided in paragraphs vii. and viii., section III of the regulations, and that, in consideration of the satisfactory examination, in medicine and midwifery, which such Fellows are required to pass, they be exempt from the necessity of passing in those subjects at this college." Such a recognition from such a quarter cannot but be very gratifying to the many graduates and friends of this school.

**PATENT MEDICINE FORMULAS.**—The following bill has been recently introduced into the House of Representatives of the United States: That from and after six months after the passage and approval of this act, no advertisement of any kind or nature or advertising device of any medical preparation, compound or prescription, or any punch, bitters, cordial or similar compound, or preparation to be used as medicine or mixed with food, liquor, wine or any other substance as a beverage or as food or medicine, shall be placed in or carried by the mails of the United States until the exact formula for the preparation thereof, together with a sample of the same, be placed in the Patent Office of the United States, with a sworn affidavit of the correctness of such formula and the genuineness of such sample, and the examination thereof by the proper officers designated therefor in said Patent Office.

**APPOINTMENTS.**—Dr. Marsden has been appointed a commissioner of the Marine Hospital, Quebec, *vice* Dr. James A. Sewell, deceased. The following gentlemen have been appointed "License Commissioners" (Act of 1876) for the districts named: J. S. Sprague, M.D., and J. S. Loomis, M.D., Hastings; J. Gunn, M.D., Middlesex; W. H. Blackstock, M.D., Simcoe; R. H. Abbott, M.D., N. Essex; A. McLean, M.D., W. Lambton; C. M. Gould, M.D., E. Northumberland; A. Robillard, M.D., Ottawa; A. Rockwell, M.D., of W. Hast-

ings. Thomas Moore, M.D., of Demorestville, has been appointed surgeon to the Canada Pacific Railway. Dr. Holmes, of Brussels, has been appointed treasurer of the Co. of Huron.

**COSMOLINE UNCTION IN SCARLET FEVER.**—There is scarcely anything so efficient in relieving the burning and itching sensation of the eruption of scarlet fever, as inunction of the body with cosmoline. It is applied by the hand once or twice a day as long as the itching lasts. These inunctions soothe and calm the patient, relieve the itching and favor desquamation. When the itching and burning sensations are allayed, the body should then be sponged with a solution of hypo-sulphite of soda, of the strength of half a drachm to the ounce. This removes all the desquamated skin, promotes healthy action, and acts as a disinfectant, thereby lessening the tendency to the spread of the disease.

**NEW YORK STATE MEDICAL SOCIETY.**—The seventy-eighth annual meeting of this society was held in Albany, commencing on the 5th ult., under the presidency of Dr. Alex. Hutchins, of Brooklyn. Many valuable papers were read and discussed. The bill for the establishment of a State Medical Examining Board was also under consideration. The vexed question of medical Ethics, the old code *versus* the "new," occasioned a prolonged and heated discussion. The advocates of the new code were again victorious, their majority being fifteen, in a total of 232. Dr. N. A. Powell, of Edgar, Ont., was present as a delegate from the Ontario Medical Association.

**ANATOMY ACT AMENDMENTS.**—Steps are now being taken to secure certain much-needed amendments to the Anatomy Act, the object being to endeavor to secure a larger amount of anatomical material for the use of students and others interested in the prosecution of this interesting and important branch of medical study. The present Act is very defective in many particulars, and requires to be thoroughly revised and amended. It is the intention to frame the amendment upon the basis of the Quebec Anatomy Act, which, we are informed, is giving excellent satisfaction in the sister Province.

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