

extra work, if it be required; while others say they are unable to do so, and will be compelled to refuse to prepare any pupils for the Examination. The candidates attending the latter Schools will be compelled to take the ordinary work as laid down in the programme, and look elsewhere for instruction in the extra subjects. Let us glance at these extra subjects demanded by the Council: French or German, Chemistry, Book-keeping and Natural Philosophy. Surely, all will admit that in the aggregate they constitute a very formidable addition to an already severe examination. It is almost equivalent to fixing a standard equal to a university degree. We hope that before very long it will be considered advisable to ask candidates for medicine to take a course in Arts, but the time for this has not yet arrived. It is well to be an accomplished linguist, but we do not consider a knowledge of French or German an absolute necessity for the medical student. There is no more reason why Chemistry should be demanded than the other primary subjects, such as Anatomy, Physiology and *Materia Medica*. We approach the subject of Book-keeping with considerable diffidence, as we labour under the disadvantage of not possessing a minute knowledge of the intricacies of double or treble entry. Not knowing what the result of such ignorance may be, we will venture no opinion, but leave the subject to those who are competent to discuss it. Every medical student should have a fair knowledge of Natural Philosophy; but as it is one of the subjects taught in our Common Schools, we might presume that such knowledge is possessed by those able to pass the Intermediate Examination. However, if the Council be desirous of examining candidates on this subject, the High Schools and Collegiate Institutes might be able to make such arrangements as would allow the pupils to take both Latin and Natural Philosophy.

We must, after all, return to our formerly expressed opinion that it is simply an oversight. In the College announcement the words are, "the High School Intermediate Examination, with Latin included." In the original resolution, as proposed in the Council, the words are, "the Provincial Intermediate High School Ex-

amination, with Latin included as a compulsory subject." This surely includes only the ordinary compulsory subjects, and Latin among the optional: the Council making the choice of the latter, instead of leaving such choice to the candidate. If such were not the intention of Dr. Burns and Dr. MacDonald, as shown by their remarks when moving and seconding the resolution, we very seriously misunderstood them. The mistake appears to have occurred in making the addition to Regulation 5, before referred to, which (addition) commences as follows: "The said Examination to embrace the following subjects," &c.; the subjects named being those before mentioned.

We are in a position to state that this mistake (supposing it to be such) has caused much perplexity and anxiety to both High School teachers and students, and we hope it will be rectified as soon as possible. With this end in view, we would ask the Executive Committee to consider the question at their first meeting, and, if our views are right, correct the error, and at once inform the High School Teachers of their decision.

**SHUTTLEWORTH'S FLUID EXTRACTS, &c.**—We are pleased to learn that our friends in the city find Mr. Shuttleworth's Fluid Extracts very reliable, and are now using them largely. This is more especially true with reference to his preparation of ergot. With so many uncertain specimens of this drug in the market, it is very important to obtain one that is thoroughly trustworthy, and we therefore cheerfully recommend all practitioners to try Mr. Shuttleworth's preparation. In addition to his Extracts, he has a large variety of new remedies—pure chloroform, and all kinds of McKesson and Robbins' gelatine-coated pills.

**PERSONAL.**—We are pleased to observe that Dr. H. H. Wright, who has been for some time past in ill-health, and latterly confined by iritis to a darkened room, is again about. We congratulate our old preceptor most sincerely upon his emancipation from the thralldom of an enforced inaction, which, in one of his mental activity and untiring energy, speedily consumes the zest of life.