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THE METHOD OF EXAMINATION.

The most important business in our opinion, which will occupy the attention of the governors of the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Lower Canada, at their approaching semi-annual meeting, to be held at Quebec on the 10th of October, is the propriety of changing the method of examining the candidates for the College license. At present the plan followed is to appoint a Committee of four governors to examine the candidate, which is done orally; and in accordance with their decision, he is either received or rejected. As the number of candidates is generally considerable, this method occupies some time, and by several has been deemed unsatisfactory—hence a measure of reform has been suggested, and the means proposed to be adopted is as follows: The examination to be in writing—and the number of questions on each branch to be three, except on Medical Jurisprudence and Botany, upon which subjects two questions will suffice. Three examiners are to be appointed (a different three on each), on every subject—except Botany and Medical Jurisprudence—which subjects shall only have two. The time allowed for answering question is three hours, and the examiners have the option of interrogating the candidate upon their written answers.

We have no doubt but that the talented proposer and very eminent seconder of the resolution at the last May meeting of the College proposing the above alterations felt that they were working in the right direction, but we most decidedly dissent from the proposed change. It will in our humble opinion defeat the very object, we believe, they have in view. So far as our knowledge obtains we are ignorant of any University, College or School, where the sole test required from a candidate is the satisfactorily answering a certain number of written questions upon the various subjects embraced in the Science and Art of Medicine. But we know of many where in addition to an oral examination, a written one is demanded. When we take into consideration the very small area, so to speak, which any three questions, even on every subject, can be made