

Dr. James Bell, of Portland, Oregon, is spending his vacation with friends in this city.

Dr. M. R. Brown, professor of Laryngology and Rhinology at the Chicago Polyclinic, has been appointed professor of Laryngology and Rhinology College of Physicians and Surgeons, Chicago.

Dr. W. Godell, owing to the demands upon his time by private practice, resigned the position of Professor of Gynæcology in the University of Pennsylvania. The trustees accepted his resignation and created an Honorary Professorship of Gynæcology with the right of lecturing attached and unanimously elected Dr. Godell to the chair.

## Correspondence.

### DOMINION LICENSE QUESTION.

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SIR,—For a long time desultory discussions have taken place on the need of a uniform license for the whole of Canada. In the *Maritime News*, of this month, the editor, Dr. Campbell, says: "The first thing necessary is a scheme which will be accepted by all the Provinces."

This need not be very difficult, as I feel certain the general sentiment of the profession will force the Councils of every Province to take down their ridiculous barriers to interprovincial freedom.

One instance, permit me to give, to show to what an absurd length one Council has already gone. Any gentleman holding an M.R.C.S. Eng., M.R.C.P. Eng., L.R.C.P. Lon., M.D. Lon. Univ., *must go in as a student*—attend their lectures *for a year, pay for them*, and pay \$100 for examination and pass (?) before allowed to practise !!!

To be able to take charge legally of a patient from Halifax to Victoria, through each Province, would take *about five*

*years, seven examinations, and about \$500 tribute to the respective Councils !!!*

To remedy such a glaring state of things permit me to offer the following, as suggestions which may serve to get the subject into a practical shape.

Respect for your space, Mr. Editor, prevents me elaborating them, but they may aid in getting something done at the coming meeting of the Dominion Medical Association at London.

1. The presidents of all Provincial Councils form the Dominion Medical Council, together with a General Registrar.

2. It should be purely and distinctly a licensing body, absolutely free from the influence of any teaching body.

3. The examination papers of all Provincial Councils to be submitted to it, through their respective registrars, on the first day of annual meeting in Ottawa, and equalized in every subject to a just and high standard, or that a special series of questions be placed upon each Provincial paper distinct from those for Provincial License, only to be answered by those wishing Dominion License—either to be detached by the presiding examiner and forwarded to the Dominion Registrar—to be valued by one examiner appointed by the Dominion Medical Council or by the Provincial examiners, as thought best—contingent always upon having secured the marks necessary to pass on the Provincial paper.

4. These examination papers should be of sufficiently high standard to be approved by the Dominion Medical Council in every subject.

5. These papers being satisfactory, the percentage being the same in every case, the Dominion Medical Council should accept the results in each Province and a Dominion license should be issued.

6. That one examination suffice for both Provincial and Dominion license.

7. That all charges by all Provincial