

ation before the Provincial Medical Board, without any previous study, &c., as enjoined by the act.

Should the Board of Governors not have this power, the measure, I am sure, would be one giving such universal satisfaction, by showing that the profession is not actuated by petty motives of self-interest, but is anxious to protect the public from the baneful practices of really incompetent persons, that I feel confident, on a proper representation being made to the Governor General, in Council, such power would, for the once, be granted them.

I should also feel obliged by your giving your opinion, as to whether *all* those names incorporated in the act are justly entitled to practise, notwithstanding some of them never previously had any license so to do, being merely petitioners for the act; or whether clause the third, regarding registration, will prevent them.

As my own, with no doubt a number of other names, through the mistakes of parties in town, have been omitted from the petition, and consequently from the act of incorporation, would you be kind enough to state, in your next Journal, the earliest day, and readiest mode, in which our names may be enregistered, &c.

I am well aware you can, by noticing these subjects in your own language, give much greater force to them than by publishing this letter. I should feel obliged, therefore, by your making what use you please of this communication.

I beg to apologise for troubling you with so long a letter, as perhaps the same ideas may have suggested themselves to you, and to subscribe myself,

Your very obedient servant,

F. D. GILBERT, M.R.C.S.E.

(Press of matter excluded Dr. Gilbert's letter from our last number. We insert it now, however—and not too tardily—with pleasure. We will endeavour to reply to his interrogatories. 1st, With reference to illegal practitioners: as the subject was under discussion at the late meeting of the Board of Governors, we may observe that the law being explicit on this point, information (free of expense) is requested of the names and residences of all such persons, to be sent to either of the District Secretaries, and action will be speedily taken in the matter. We hope soon to record some convictions. 2d, Parties under the circumstances alluded to by our correspondent, have only to present themselves for examination. 3dly, The act only incorporates the members of the "medical profession in Lower Canada." Those who hold no licenses, which in accordance with the act previously in force, were a *sine qua non*, are not members of that profession, and they would require to form that membership, before they could presume to any of its privileges, of which this is one. The third clause alluded to by Dr. Gilbert would certainly operate against them; but, in our opinion, to a less extent than the violation of rights, by possessing no legal claim to membership. Their position, in this latter case, is "*falsus ab initio*," and can, therefore, secure no immunity or privilege. 4thly, No enregistration of new members can take place until after the members of the corporation have formed rules and regulations. In conclusion, we profess to no legal attainments; but we

have endeavoured, we conceive, to interpret the act in accordance with its plain and obvious import.—Ed.)

OBITUARY.

In this city, on Sunday, the 12th September, at his mother's residence, in Beaver Hall Square, Doctor Edward S. Barry, aged 27 years, eldest son of the late Rev. John Barry, Wesleyan Methodist Missionary.

On the 5th October, at St. Antoine de Tilley, aged 48, J. B. Isaac Noël de Tilly, M. D., Seigneur of St. Antoine, formerly Member of the Legislative Assembly for the County of Lotbinière, and one of the Governors of the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Lower Canada.

At Chambly, on the 24th ult., after a short illness, Gabriel Aymond, Esq., M. D., aged 41 years.

At Fredericton, N. B., on the 5th October, of Typhus Fever, Frank Andrews, Esq., Surgeon 93rd Regiment.

On the 14th instant, at his father's residence, Thorold, C. W., of typhus fever, contracted while temporarily discharging the duties of house Surgeon at the Montreal General Hospital, Dr. Charles Keefer, aged 23 years.

At Quebec, on the 25th instant, of typhus fever, John Racey, Esq., M. D., aged 38 years, one of the Governors of the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Lower Canada, Physician to the Marine Hospital, Lecturer on Anatomy in the Incorporated School of Medicine of Quebec, and formerly Professor of Surgery, in the University of McGill College, Montreal. During the prevailing fearful disease, which has now added him to its already long list of victims, Dr. Racey was noted among his medical brethren for the untiring zeal and assiduity with which he prosecuted the arduous duties of his profession, and for a kindness and gentleness of manner which soon enabled him to win his way to the hearts and affections of his patients; by a large circle of whom, and a larger of friends, his premature death will be much and sincerely regretted.

At St. Andrews, Argenteuil, on the 20th instant, of phthisis, John Pyke, Esq., M. D., aged 36 years, second son of the Honourable George Pyke, late one of the Judges of the Court of Queen's Bench, for the District of Montreal.

BOOKS, &c., RECEIVED SINCE AUGUST.

- Boston Medical and Surgical Journal. July 28, Aug. 4, 11, 18, 25, Sept. 1, 15, 22, 29. Oct. 6, 13, 20, 27.
 The Medical News. August, September, October.
 The Annalist. August 1, 15. Sept. 1, 15. October 1, 15.
 Missouri Medical and Surgical Reporter. June, July, August, September.
 The St. Louis Medical and Surgical Journal, Vol. V. Nos. 1, 2.
 The Southern Medical and Surgical Journal. August, September, October.
 New Orleans Medical and Surgical Journal. July, October, Buffalo Medical Journal. August, September, October.
 Western Lancet, September number not received.
 Western Journal of Medicine and Surgery. Vol. VII. complete. Vol. VIII. 1, 2, 3.
 The Medical Examiner. August, September, October.
 The American Journal and Library of Dental Science. Sept. not received.
 The Southern Journal of Medicine and Pharmacy. Sept.
 The American Journal of Science and Arts. September.
 The American Journal of the Medical Sciences. October.
 The New York Journal of Medicine. July, September.
 The American Journal of Insanity. Vol. IV. Nos. 1, 2.
 The London Medical Gazette. July 9, 16, 30. August 6, 13, 27. September 10, 17, 24. October 1.
 Dublin Medical Press. July 21, 28. Aug. 4, 11, 18, 25. September 1, 8, 15, 22, 29.
 Braithwaite's Retrospect of Medicine. January to July, 1847, London.
 New Jersey Medical Reporter. Vol. I. No. 1. October.
 The American Medical Almanac for 1848.
 N. B.—The Western Lancet, September, has not reached us, nor has the American Journal and Library of Dental Science for Sept., and the only numbers of the Illustrated Flora, edited by Dr. Newman, which have come to hand, are Nos. 2 and 3, and these many months ago. We beg to call Dr. Newman's attention to this.