

graduates, and, after a private hole-and-corner examination, given them their degrees. He (Dr. H.) was satisfied that all the respectable practitioners throughout the country would approve of the action the Board proposed to take with regard to the examining candidates and granting licenses, and that it was the only safe course that could be adopted.

Dr. RICHARDSON.—In the United States the present deplorable condition of the profession was chiefly owing to the fact that the students were graduated and licensed to practice medicine upon similar conditions to students of the Medical Department of Victoria College; and the appointment of a General Board of Examiners similar to that proposed to be established here was at this very time being demanded there, as the only protection the public could have against the numbers of incompetent practitioners who were annually graduated by the inferior institutions. Such a measure was loudly called for here, for there was no law to prevent Victoria College from *graduating* students in two years if they thought fit. It had been denied by the Hon. Chairman, who was Dean of the Medical Department of Victoria College, that that institution had graduated students in little more than two years; but such it had been stated to him was the fact, by a gentleman on whose veracity he could rely, and the Dean's denying it was of very little consequence. He had no hesitation in saying that the Medical Department of Victoria College was a sham and a swindle from the beginning. Year after year it had published false statements, intended to mislead. After begging of every medical man in the city, and many in the country, to accept a professorship, and after all refused to have anything to do with the Hon. Dean of the Institution over which he presided, that gentleman published, one year, the name of a gentleman who had never had anything to do with Victoria College as a Professor, when he knew at the time of doing so that that gentleman was then in New Zealand! The name of Dr. Brouse, too, had been published, when the fact was that that gentleman had declined the offer of a professorship in the College, and had never entered it.

Hon. Dr. ROLPH had not offered a chair to Dr. Brouse.

Dr. WRIGHT.—That is perfectly true. Dr. Rolph employed others to make the offer.

Dr. RICHARDSON.—Yes, I believe Dr. Wright. That is the way in which Dr. Rolph acts; his old trick. Another gentleman's name had been published as professor of surgery, when the fact was that that gentleman lived some miles in the country, and had not given a single lecture during the session. One gentleman who had been so unfortunate as to accept a chair under the Hon. Dean, had been pelted out of the