

EDITORIAL NOTES.

The primary and final examinations of the College of Physicians and Surgeons will commence on Tuesday, the 10th of April, in Toronto and Kingston. All information may be had on application to the Registrar, Dr. Pync.

We have received a letter from Dr. J. M. Cotton, of Lambton Mills, criticizing the circular letter of Dr. J. H. Sangster, of Port Perry, issued to the profession of his district as election literature. It unfortunately arrived too late for this issue, but if the writer be satisfied it will get its due space next month.

In our last issue there was an editorial note referring to newspaper advertising by medical men with reference to a special case. We are pleased to learn that the article referred to was inserted without either the consent or the desire of the physicians whose names were mentioned, and that they were greatly annoyed at any such publicity.

Those who make the charge that the Homœopathic school and university representatives vote as a unit in the Council, might well examine the records of the Council and thus find that such is not the case. Indeed, in no vote or division that has ever taken place in the Council has such a thing occurred. In fact, the interests of the Homœopaths are the interests of the general profession, and they have always been found in the Council on the side of those who desired to elevate the standard of matriculation and graduation.

That the law never contemplated the Council becoming the holder of real estate for speculation purposes, is a true statement. The needs of the Council to secure ample accommodation for the examination of students, made the erection of a building such as we have at present absolutely necessary. The time may come when the profession of this province will be sufficiently wealthy to have a building solely devoted to the uses of the profession, but at present such is not the case. This we think is the one above all others that is absolutely wrong. In the next issue of the JOURNAL will be given a short history of the events that led up to the erection of the present edifice.

In the death of Dr. Rolph Lesslie, son of ex-Postmaster Lesslie, of this city, Canada loses a young man whose ability won him many honours abroad. Like many other Canadians, he was venturesome, and knew Africa and the East like a book. Kings decorated him for his services, and scientific men everywhere honoured him for the excellent work he did in many fields. Toronto University has reason to be proud of such a graduate, and his memory should be honoured by that school, the reputation of which he amply sustained wherever he went. The friend of Sir Richard Burton, one of the greatest among Englishmen, and the trusted confidant of the King of the Belgians, Dr. Lesslie was better known on the other side of the Atlantic than he was in his own home, yet he will long be remembered in Toronto as a man who promised much, but died in the zenith of a brilliant career.

British Columbia.

Under control of the Medical Council of the Province of British Columbia.

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Our attention has been directed to the "British Columbia Pharmacy Act, 1891," now in force, and more especially to Sec. 26, which is as follows: "Any person who presents a prescription to any qualified druggist to be filled, shall be entitled to have such prescription returned to him by such druggist."

The question as to the ownership of a prescription is not to be argued in this article. In our opinion it is exactly the same as any other business order, and is given the patient, both to save the time of the physician, and to have skilled or special services in dispensing. We hold that it is a single and definite order for a certain druggist to make up a certain quantity of medicine, in a certain manner, and for a certain person or persons, after which this order is to be filed, and a copy of it kept in a book for the convenience of reference. We believe that the question of giving a *copy* to the patient may possibly admit of argument, but having the *original* returned to the patient by the chemist we consider not only preposterous, but positively dangerous. In the event of a patient