

taken, and a supplementary report presented to the examiners. Candidates are also required to undergo a practical examination in diseases of children, mental affection and prescribing. In the other branches the same practical methods are followed. Heretofore at the Provincial Boards there has been a difficulty in carrying out fully the practical examinations. In Ontario, the new and commodious building of the College of Physicians and Surgeons will enable the Council to have suitable rooms for the chemical, anatomical and pharmacological examinations, and the Toronto Hospital will furnish ample material for the clinical tests.

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Examining is monotonous, brain-consuming work, relieved only by exceptionally able answers of first-class men and the profoundly stupid replies of some of the third class men. For several years I kept notes of the amusingly stupid answers, but they have been mislaid. I have rarely had one which displayed the man more fully than the following in reply to the question (written) "How to treat hæmoptysis"? "*Plug the cavity with cotton saturated with a solution of Monsell's solutions, dry*"!!

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### Personal.

Dr. Robert Barnes has been elected an Honorary Fellow of the Chicago Gynæcological Society.

Olshausen of Halle has accepted the invitation to fill the chair of Midwifery in the University of Berlin.

Sir Wm. Jenner has been elected for the seventh time to fill the office of President of the Royal College of Physicians.

Prof. Matterstock has been appointed Director of the Medical Clinic in the University of Wurzburg. He succeeds the late Prof. Geigel.