

physic and Divine healers, Eddyites, electro-medical specialists, and numberless advertising quacks and charlatans. Since December, 1901, a decided effort has been made to put the unregistered "doctor" out of business. A State Medical Board was then established composed of representatives of the Regular, Homeopathic and Eclectic Medical Societies. All who had registered under the old law, which only required the presentation of a diploma, were enrolled by this Board, but all applicants for registration since that date have been compelled to pass a rigid examination before the Board. The different medical societies also set aside a portion of their funds for the purpose of prosecuting illegal practitioners. The work of the Board has been hampered greatly by opposition from bodies of irregular practitioners and by certain factions in the regular profession; but the standing of the profession in the state is already much improved. One marked result of this state examination has been to keep out a large number of practitioners from other states who have outlived their usefulness in their own states or who have been compelled to seek a milder climate. In the examination held in July, 1902, twenty out of forty-three applicants had been in practice elsewhere from two to twenty-five years; but only three of these succeeded in obtaining the required general average of 75%. An allowance is made in anatomy, physiology, and pathology where 60% is the pass mark, but the whole average must be 75%. In the summer examinations of 1903, eighty-nine of the applicants were recent graduates of California medical colleges, and 84.2% of them passed; sixty-seven applicants were graduates of other colleges, and only 52% passed. Of this latter number, about one-half had been in practice from five to thirty-five years, and only 40% of them were successful; the other half being recent graduates from schools outside of California were successful to the extent of 72%, as against 84.2% of California graduates. There are now five regular colleges of medicine in the state, and their graduates are much more successful in the state examinations than those from other colleges. Without any question there is a desire on the part of the Board of Examiners to keep the field primarily for their own students. The diploma from another state is not recognized unless the matriculating and professional requirements are equivalent to theirs, and they recognize