

tainly a very ignorant and unpolished person as regards everything else. We are sorry to say that this is quite true, and in this connection must certainly blame many American colleges for accepting as matriculants young men utterly without the first principles of education. While it is possible to drill into the most untutored mind the principles of medicine, it stands to reason that the standard of the profession would be much higher if the members of it were educated in the broader sense of the word before commencing the study of medicine.

THE ONTARIO MEDICAL ASSOCIATION.

In mentioning city medical societies a moment since we pointed out that a single strong society was the desideratum. It is different when a national society is considered, for in a country as vast in extent as Canada it is quite impossible for any one society to exhibit any efficiency. The society must then be territorial;

and with such limits and held so centrally that the distance will not prove a bar or an inconvenience to anyone in the district. Such a one is the Ontario Medical Society, for which preparations are already under way for the annual meeting in Toronto early in June. This is by all odds the best attended medical society in Canada, and the work accomplished from year to year has had and will have its own quiet effect upon the profession at large.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

DR. STEWART, of Palmerston, who has charge of the Ontario Government's vaccine producing establishment, is suffering from blood-poisoning. His condition is very serious.

The article in our last issue among our special selections, on the "Analysis of Stomach Contents," by Dr. Boardman Reed, appeared first in the *Philadelphia Medical Journal*. By an oversight the name of our valuable Exchange was omitted.

Correspondence.

CITY MEDICAL SOCIETIES.

To the Editor of the DOMINION MEDICAL MONTHLY:

SIR,—Any one attending the various medical societies must surely be sometimes struck with a certain indefinable lassitude or lack of interest in the profession for these gatherings. The cause, we think, is not far to seek. The profession in the city here is so much divided that it is impossible for any society to attain to a healthy growth. Happily we are not broken up into different schools of teaching and various phases of quackery as in the States, but as far as the medical societies go, it is almost as bad as if we were, for there is not a society in the city, we most candidly affirm, that is doing the work that one reasonably expects of it. Surely in

a city where more than four hundred professional men of the same school are practising together, one should expect to find a very powerful medical society. We have half a dozen, but not one where we can ever find more than twenty members present. Look at the reports. In one society we find that the president was present and eight members. In another no one turned up at all, and so on. What is wanted in Toronto is one common medical society where all the members of the profession can express their own and have the views of others. This would be as great a boon as a post-graduate course, and would be of advantage in a number of other ways.

Yours, etc.,
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