

slight discharge of pus and the occasional escape of a ligature, she appears quite well.

On 16th June a number of the ligatures protruding into the vagina were removed. From this time onward she has been able to take the charge of her house and enjoys good health.

Correspondence.

UNPROFESSIONAL CONDUCT.

To the Editor of THE CANADA LANCET.

SIR,—Would you kindly express your opinion of the following through the columns of the LANCET :

CASE No. I.—A medical man of many years standing in this town, whom we shall call No. 1, was attending a sick child. The father, without informing Dr. No. 1, called in a young doctor who had lately come to town, whom we shall call No. 2, who knowing all the facts of the case, unceremoniously took the case out of the hands of doctor No. 1, and neither he nor the father of the child, ever informed No. 1 that he has been discarded, but leaves him to find this out from the neighbors.

CASE No. II.—Doctor No. 1 had a patient who came to his office for examination and treatment. Doctor No. 2 sends two distinct messages to the patient's home, asking the parents to bring their boy to his office, and he would call in doctor No. 3, a retired physician, and they would treat their boy. The parents disregarded the first request, but told doctor No. 1 that the message had been sent by No. 2. No. 2 perseveres and sends a second message, and this time succeeds. The boy is taken to No. 2, and he calls in No. 3, and between them they retain and treat the case. These medical men all met lately at the January meeting of the Med. Ass'n in this town. Numbers 1 and 2, are members in full standing, who have had no personal quarrel whatever. No. 3, is not a member. This seems to be No. One's way of doing business—as report says he followed the same practice in the place from which he came. Is it right? Is this the way to build up a practice? What means should be taken to prevent such conduct? Is it right to ask another doctor's patients on the street to come into your office for examination, and to ask other doctor's families to patronize you—as

our friend has done? Is it not lowering the character and standing of our noble profession?

Yours, etc.,

Huron, May 12th.

MEDICO.

[It is to be regretted that "regulars" in the profession sometimes stoop to such practices as are given above, for the purpose of gaining a foothold in a community. While we know that the *vox populi* is not always to be trusted, we still believe that the sense of right, governing any intelligent community, will relegate such practice where it belongs, and that No. 2 will ere long reap the reward of such underhand dealings. It would appear that no steps can be taken to punish such offenders, and we would suggest a severe letting alone by his medical brethren, as perhaps the best means of bringing No. 2 to his sense of right in such matters.]—ED. LANCET.

Reports of Societies.

ONTARIO MEDICAL ASSOCIATION.

The sixth annual meeting of the Ontario Medical Association was held in the Normal School buildings, Toronto, on the 2nd and 3rd ult.; Dr. Tye, Chatham, president, occupied the chair, with Dr. Anrott, London; Dr. Temple, Toronto; Dr. Hillary, Aurora, and Dr. Henderson, Kingston, the vice-presidents around him. There was a large attendance present. The Secretary, Dr. J. E. White, Toronto, read the minutes of the previous year's meeting, which were confirmed. Drs. Cronyn and Tremaine, of Buffalo, Dr. Moore, of Rochester, President of the N. Y. State Medical Society, Dr. Manton, of Detroit, and Drs. Ross, Trenholme, and Rogers of Montreal were introduced as guests. Dr. Moore took occasion to utter a few words of congratulation to the profession on the high standing it has attained in this country, and to bid them beware of quackery. After a few remarks by the other guests the President delivered his address, which was received with marked interest and attention. After returning thanks for the honor conferred upon him by his election to the chair, he pointed out the advantages to be derived by the profession from such an association as this. In the great centres of medical learning the scalpel and the microscope have opened new worlds for them to conquer, and those who expect