

Dr. A. The family then ask that Dr. B. do the operation. This is not satisfactory to Dr. A., who had expected to do the operation himself. What course should each physician pursue?

2. Recently Dr. Z., a noted surgeon, was called to a neighboring state to operate on a physician. The operation was not successful and the physician died. Dr. Z. charged the brother of the physician for his services. Was this not positively unethical? A. P. B.

ANS.—Dr. B. should perform the operation, since the family request it. The patient and the family have a perfect right to decide on who shall perform the operation, in spite of the fact that it might not be pleasant for Dr. A. in this case.

2. The Principles of Medical Ethics of the American Medical Association, Chapter II, Article 2, Section 3, says:

When a physician is summoned from a distance to the bedside of a colleague in easy financial circumstances, a compensation, proportionate to traveling expenses and to the pecuniary loss entailed by absence from the accustomed field of professional labor, should be made by the patient or relatives.

One physician ought not expect another to render his services, pay traveling expenses, etc., without remuneration. The general principle is that if a physician can render services without very great inconvenience to himself, or too much expense, no charge should be made. If, however, as in this case, the physician must make a journey to a neighboring state to render these services, he should be compensated, but compensation under these circumstances should, of course, be the minimum which will pay him for his time and trouble.

#### RADIUM.

STANBERRY, MO., July 20, 1903.

To the Editor:—I notice an editorial on radium in the last issue of THE JOURNAL. Can you tell me where I can get a small quantity of the metal or its bromin salt? E. T. C.

ANS.—Radium is hardly yet a commercial product, and samples are obtained more by favor than otherwise. It is thus far more of a scientific curiosity than anything else.

## State Boards of Registration.

**Reciprocity in Oregon.**—The Oregon medical practice act was amended by the last legislature so as to provide for reciprocity.

**Suit to Oust California Examiners.**—On the petition of Dr. David A. Hodghead, San Francisco, suit has been begun in the Superior Court to oust the members of the State Board of Medical Examiners. According to the newspapers, the complaint sets forth that the defendants hold their places by virtue of having been elected to represent on the board the Medical Society of California, the California State Homeopathic Medical Society and the Eclectic Medical Society of the State of California, and the petitioner holds that these are simply private organizations with no legal right to appoint anybody to public and salaried offices. The petitioner is dean of the College of Physicians and Surgeons of San Francisco, which had some trouble with the board last year.

**Vermont Has Reciprocity.**—The following amendment of Section 4633 of Chapter 190 of the Vermont statutes provides for reciprocity. The section as amended is as follows:

SECTION 4633. Each board of censors shall issue certificates to physicians and surgeons who personally present to such board a diploma from a medical college or university, and who also, by examination, satisfy said board of censors that they are qualified to practice the branches mentioned in said diploma; and to such physicians and surgeons, without examination, who shall personally appear and present a certified copy of certificate of registration or license, which has been issued to said applicant in another state of the Union, where the requirements for registration shall be deemed by said board to be equivalent to those of this state; provided, such state shall accord a like privilege to holders of certificates from a board of censors of this state.

The application fee is \$5. The act is in effect since its passage.

**Practice of Medicine Defined in North Carolina.**—The following amendment defining the practice of medicine was passed by the general assembly of North Carolina and went into effect March 9, 1903:

SECTION 1. That Section 3122 of the code be amended by adding thereto the following words: For the purposes of this act the expression "practice of medicine or surgery" shall be construed to mean the management or treatment for fee or reward any case or disease, physical or mental, real or imaginary, with or without drugs, surgical operation, surgical or mechanical appliances, or by any other methods whatsoever.

Provided, that this act shall not apply to midwives nor to nurses. Provided, further, that applicants not belonging to the regular school of medicine shall not be required to stand an examination except on the branches taught in their regular college, to-wit: the osteopaths shall be examined only on descriptive anatomy, general chemistry, histology, physiology, urinalysis and toxicology.

hygiene, regional anatomy, pathology, neurology, surgery, applied anatomy, bacteriology, gynecology, obstetrics and physical diagnosis. Provided, that this act shall not apply to any person who ministers to or cures the sick or suffering by prayer to Almighty God, without the use of any drug or material means.

**Michigan Report.**—Dr. B. D. Harison, secretary of the Michigan State Board of Registration in Medicine, reports the examination held at Lansing, June 9 to 12, as follows: Number of subjects examined in, 19; total number of questions, 190; percentage required to pass, 75; written examination; total number examined, 22; number passed, 18; number failed, 4.

Candl.	Sch. of date.	Pract.	College.	PASSED.	
				Year Grad.	Per Cent.
1	R.		Med. Dept., West. Univ., Lond., Ont.	1903	92.21
2	R.		Med. Dept., West. Univ., Lond., Ont.	1903	86.05
10	R.		Med. Dept., West. Univ., Lond., Ont.	1903	86.89
3	R.		Med. Dept., Trinity Univ., Toronto.	1903	92.84
4	R.		Med. Dept., Trinity Univ., Toronto.	1903	92.15
5	R.		Med. Dept., Trinity Univ., Toronto.	1903	93.31
6	R.		Med. Dept., Victoria Univ., Toronto	1888	75.00
8	R.		Med. Dept. University of Vermont.	1896	77.57
7	R.		Miami Medical College, Cincinnati.	1887	82.21
9	R.		Cincinnati College of Med. and Surg.	1902	76.08
11	R.		Univ. Imperial Alexander, Finland.	1900	90.00
12	P.M.		College of Med. and Surg., Chicago.	1902	77.10
13	R.		Undergraduate and years of practice		*78.78
14	R.		Undergrad. and yrs. prac. lic. md. bd.		*76.52
15	R.		Undergrad. and yrs. prac. lic. md. bd.		†77.36
16	H.		Undergraduate, 4 years University of Michigan, Homeopathic Dept.		‡82.89
17	H.		Undergraduate, years of practice.		‡75.00
18	H.		Undergraduate, years of practice.		‡75.00
FAILED.					
19	R.		Undergraduate		63.42
20	R.		Undergraduate		56.68
21	H.		Independent Med. College, Chicago (diploma mill)	1897	2.05
22	R.		Dartmouth Medical College	1886	71.78

\* Fourth examination. † Board examination. ‡ First examination. § First examination, oral.

**North Dakota Report.**—Dr. H. M. Wheeler reports the written examination held at Grand Forks, N. D., July 7, 1903, at which 25 applicants passed, out of 29 examined, in 13 subjects. The percentage required to pass was 75.

Candl.	Sch. of date.	Pract.	College.	PASSED.	
				Year Grad.	Per Cent.
410	R.		Northwestern University, Chicago	1903	75
412	R.		Northwestern University, Chicago	1903	81
413	R.		Northwestern University, Chicago	1903	84
411	R.		University of Michigan	1903	90
438	R.		University of Michigan	1883	92
415	R.		University of Minnesota	1903	85
417	R.		University of Minnesota	1902	76
419	R.		University of Minnesota	1903	77
425	R.		University of Minnesota	1903	86
426	R.		University of Minnesota	1902	80
433	R.		University of Minnesota	1903	86
435	R.		University of Minnesota	1903	82
428	R.		University of Pennsylvania	1883	81
431	R.		University of Missouri	1902	76
414	R.		College of Phys. and Surgs., St. Louis	1903	82
422	R.		College of Phys. and Surgeons, Chicago	1903	75
437	R.		College of Phys. and Surgeons, Chicago	1903	80
416	R.		Queen's University, Canada	1903	77
421	R.		Rush Medical College, Chicago	1901	77
434	R.		Rush Medical College, Chicago	1897	91
424	R.		Rush Medical College, Chicago	1903	75
423	R.		Hamline University, Minneapolis	1903	89
427	R.		Hamline University, Minneapolis	1900	85
429	R.		Hamline University, Minneapolis	1903	77
432	R.		Hamline University, Minneapolis	1903	
FAILED.					
418	R.		Coll. of Phys. and Surgs., Keokuk, Iowa	1897	66
420	R.		College of Phys. and Surgeons, Chicago	1900	73
430	R.		Bellevue Hospital Medical College	1903	72
436	R.		Marion-Sims Medical College, St. Louis	1903	

\* Only wrote on six subjects.

## Marriages.

JAMES F. DARNALL, M.D., to Mrs. Ora Waters, both of Obion, Tenn.

LEMUEL P. ADAMS, M.D., to Miss Elizabeth Leigh, both of Oakland, Cal.

DANIEL SIGLER, M.D., to Miss Mayme Bresler, both of Elwood, Ind., July 14.

JAMES H. FINCH, M.D., to Miss Helen M. Trevett, both of Champaign, Ill., June 10.

ROBIN W. C. FRANCIS, M.D., Cincinnati, to Miss May Edith Schellinger of Chicago, July 4.

WALTER BERNARD SCHWUCHOW, M.D., to Miss Jennie Isabel Gridley, both of Chicago, June 30.