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CANADIAN MEDICAL SCHOOLS.

The winter sessions of the Canadian Medical Schools were commenced on the 1st of October, and the regular work has been continued since. On comparing this with former sessions, there is nothing very striking to note. The numbers appear to be steadily increasing from year to year, probably to a greater degree than the wants of the country demand. Many ask, What will become of them*all? The question is not very new—in fact, it has been asked so often of late years that we would gladly answer it if we could, to prevent needless repetition. As far as pecuniary considerations are concerned, there is no doubt that the physicians of Canada have fully their share of this world's good things. When we look at other professions or occupations, we can find no one which is more certain to bring in a fair yearly income to a conscientious worker than the practice of medicine. Apart from this aspect of the question, there is much connected with the grand and comprehensive study of medicine which is certain to draw within its folds many earnest students. As medical graduates in the past have, as a rule, succeeded, and attained a position among the most prosperous and influential of our inhabitants, we see no reason why

they should not be equally successful in the future.

As far as medical education is concerned, Toronto holds a very high position in our Dominion. It attracts more English-speaking students than any other of our cities, and the numbers are increasing very rapidly. During recent years both of our schools have been compelled to make extensive additions to their buildings, and yet they are even now full to overflowing.

THE TORONTO SCHOOL OF MEDICINE.

The opening exercises of the Toronto School of Medicine took the form of a conversazione, which was given by the Faculty on the occasion of the opening of the new wing, to which we made reference in our last issue, and was in all respects a successful and brilliant affair.

The opening address was delivered by Dr. W. W. Ogden, and was highly appreciated by those who had the good fortune to get into the overcrowded lecture-room. After the lecture a concert was given under the direction of Professor Theodore Martens, which was all that could be desired.

The various new rooms in the recent additions, which were made unusually attractive by the beautiful decorations which had been arranged by students and ladies interested in the school, were much admired.

The number of freshmen registered this year exceeds considerably that of any former session. Both teachers and students are delighted with the new condition of things. The capacity for laboratory work and practical work of all kinds is greatly increased, and the great utility of such increase, in the light of modern teaching, can scarcely be overrated.

TRINITY MEDICAL SCHOOL.

The opening lecture for the session in the Trinity Medical School was delivered by Dr. Covernton, and well received by the large audience assembled, including the students, among whom the doctor is deservedly popular. A conversazione was also held on the evening of the 1st of October, which was well attended, and was exceedingly successful. The number of freshmen is large, and the school will be very full this session.

THE WOMAN'S MEDICAL COLLEGE.

Dr. Krause delivered the opening lecture for this modest but worthy institution. The number of *Freshmen* is less than that of either of its big brothers in Toronto, but the school is on a firm basis financially and otherwise.

M'GILL MEDICAL COLLEGE.

A large addition was built to the school building this last summer, which was formally opened October 22nd, when Professor Oaler, of Philadelphia, delivered the opening lecture. The worthy and able doctor received a hearty welcome from his old students and many friends in Montreal.

A dinner was also given the same evening, which was a very successful and enjoyable affair.

We regret that this excellent institution should have suffered to any extent from such a cause as the existence of small-pox in Montreal, but are pleased to be able to state that it is not affected so much as was at one time expected; and the number of students is about equal to that of last year in the aggregate, while the number of freshmen will be somewhat smaller.

KINGSTON MEDICAL COLLEGE.

Reports from Kingston say the Royal College of that city is in a flourishing condition, and has a large class of students. This worthy old school has had some reverses in the past, but it has come through them all with flying colors, and stands to-day stronger than ever.

THE WOMEN'S MEDICAL COLLEGE OF KINGSTON.

Dr. Anglin delivered the opening lecture for the session, October 11th.

WESTERN UNIVERSITY—MEDICAL DEPARTMENT.

Considering all the circumstances connected with the formation of this school, its success has been very encouraging. The difficulty of giving clinical instruction with an hospital so far removed from the school building is a serious drawback. It has, however, a good staff, and is situated in the centre of a very flourishing country, and must eventually succeed.

MANITOBA MEDICAL COLLEGE.

The opening lecture of the Winnipeg Medical School was delivered, October 1st, by Dr. N. H. Ferguson, Professor of Physiology, who gave a history of the college, with reasons for its establishment, and discussed the present prospects of its ultimate success. In its first session, 1883-84, there were 15 students; last session, 22; and this year there are over 30.