

which offered favorable terms. This brought the Faculty to a full realization of their position, and the flank movement of the students was successful, the Faculty granting all they asked. In future male and female students will not study together in Kingston. We think the decision a wise one. If females will become doctors, and the public think they should, then they must be educated alone. Capital is being made of the fact that one school insisted upon the students at Kingston having their three months attendance certified before accepting them. This, of course, was simply refusing them, and Kingston has a right to feel grateful, but that does not prove that the other schools who offered better terms did wrong. We believe each school knows best how to conduct its own business, and acted accordingly. It was their action which brought the Kingston Faculty to terms, and perhaps in the long run it may turn out that after all they caused the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Kingston to act in a way which will redound to their best advantage.

The Primary students of McGill Faculty of Medicine have this month revived in a spirited way a grievance which almost every year for the past twenty-five years has come to the surface. They complain that the lectures given by the Rev. Dr. Wright, Professor of *Materia Medica*, are not such as they require; that they are by far too minute, and that as they cannot find the matter in books they have to depend upon notes. These they cannot take as the Professor lectures too fast. They have petitioned the Faculty, but this has been done before, and has never resulted in any improvement, because, if we understand the matter right, the Faculty are powerless to act. They intend also to petition the Governors of the University, and we hope these gentlemen will deal with the matter as it deserves to be dealt with. We sympathize with the students because we know that the grievance is a real one. Our only wonder is that it has been allowed to continue so long.

#### OBITUARY.

Dr. R. H. Russell, a distinguished physician of Quebec City, died on the 7th of December. Although in poor health for some time, he continued practice up almost to the time of his death. Dr. Russell was for many years a Governor of the College of Physicians and Surgeons, and had filled the Pre-

sidential chair. He was an M.D. of Edinburgh University.

Dr. J. R. Dickson of Kingston, Ont., died late in November. He had for several years been laid aside from active work. He came to Canada in 1837, having received his medical education in Glasgow and Belfast. In 1854, when the Medical Faculty of Queen's College was organized, he was elected its President and to the chair of Surgery. Up to his death he took a warm interest in its welfare. He was the first President of the Ontario College of Physicians and Surgeons.

#### THE ANNUAL MEDICAL DINNERS.

Hitherto in public estimation noise and boisterous conviviality have generally been considered characteristic features of Medical Students' Dinners; not because improprieties were more common or glaring than in other similar gatherings, but because the reputation for recklessness and dissipation earned by medicos in years gone by has ever since clung pertinaciously to them, no matter how well-regulated their conduct may now generally be. In order to improve the reputation and elevate the tone of Students' dinners, many medical schools have instituted an *Annual Medical Dinner*, where students, graduates and professors meet on equal terms to enjoy friendly social intercourse; and that the very suspicion of reproach may be obviated, the dinner is usually conducted upon temperance principles. Last year Bishop's College inaugurated this plan in Montreal with decided success; this year both Bishop's College and McGill held an annual medical dinner upon temperance principles at the Windsor Hotel, Bishop's on the 13th and McGill on the 18th inst. Besides students, graduates, professors and representatives from other colleges, the Consul-General of the United States and many prominent citizens were present as invited guests. If a good dinner, good music, good songs and speeches, and general good humor are any indications of success, both these reunions must be pronounced eminently successful.

#### COLLEGE OF PHYSICIANS AND SURGEONS, PROVINCE OF QUEBEC.

Drs. Henri J. Girouard, of St. Johns, P.Q., Herbert E. Shepherd, of Portage du Fort, and Henry Harkin, of the city of Montreal, have been registered under the new law.