

UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO—EXAMINERS IN MEDICINE, 1883.

At a meeting of the Senate, on the 22nd December, the following appointments were made:—Physiology and Pathology, Geo. Wilkins, M.D.; Medicine and Therapeutics, F. R. Eccles, M.D.; Midwifery and Forensic Medicine, D. B. Fraser, M.B.; Anatomy, M. H. Aikins, B.A., M.B.; Surgery and Surgical Anatomy, F. Le M. Grasett, M.B.; Clinical Medicine and Surgery, C. O'Reilly, M.D.; Hygiene and Medical Psychology, C. W. Covernton, M.D.; Chemistry, W. H. Ellis, M.A., M.B.; Biology, H. Montgomery, M.A., B. Sc. Dr. McFarlane gave notice of motion to introduce a statute, making certain alterations in the Medical Curriculum. At the last meeting it was decided not to require, in future, the thesis for M.D. to be written in the Examination Hall.

THE CO-EDUCATION OF THE SEXES.

We have neither the space nor the inclination to enter into the discussion of this question at the present time, but the *vexations and tribulations* of the Faculty of the Kingston Medical School have shown that the trial of such a system in that Institution has proved a disastrous failure. Some friends of the system consider that it has not had a fair trial; but, be that as it may, it is extremely unlikely that it will get any further trials in Kingston for some time to come. It has been tried, on a small scale, in one of the Toronto Schools, and has proved so unsatisfactory that, we understand, it has been decided not to admit any female students in the future. Whatever our opinions may be on the subject, however, we certainly sympathize deeply with the females of the Kingston School, who have not been treated with that courtesy and respect which is always due to those of the *gentler sex* .

VARSAITY.—Mr. W. H. Blake will act as editor in the place of Mr. F. C. Wade, resigned.

TORONTO SCHOOL OF MEDICINE
MEDICAL SOCIETY.

This Society has held regular fortnightly meetings during the first half of the session, which were well attended by students and graduates. Interesting papers have been read by various members—among the contributors being Mr. Ferguson, Mr. W. H. Carlton, Mr. J. Stewart, B.A., and Mr. R. Hearn.

The Library and Reading Room belonging to the Society is well stocked, and has been highly appreciated by the members. At the last meeting, the President announced that a hundred dollars worth of books were to be added to the Library during the holidays.

GOVERNMENT PROTECTION NEEDED.—Under this caption, Dr. Henry B. Baker, Sec. Board of Health of Michigan, publishes a letter in the *Lansing Republican* , making a powerful appeal to Congress for an appropriation for the continuance of the immigrant inspection service, now partially sustained by the National Board of Health.

PORRO'S OPERATION.—Dr. Clement Godson, of St. Bart's Hospital, performed Porro's operation on a dwarf, aged 24, for pelvic distortion. The mother was 52 inches high; the child 20, 9½ lbs. in weight. The operation was completed in less than one hour. The highest temperature recorded was 99.4°; maximum pulse 80. Up to last accounts (Dec. 9th), both mother and babe were doing well.

THE SMOKE TEST FOR DRAINS.—This test is being much used in both England and Scotland, and is very satisfactory. It is applied by a small machine with powerful fanners, which blow the smoke of ignited cotton waste, saturated with oil, into the drainage system, and in due time the smoke issues from all defective points and imperfect traps, showing clearly where the fault lies.