

UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO CONVO-
CATION.

A meeting of the members of convocation was held at the Canadian Institute, on Thursday evening, June 7th. There were over seventy present. Mr. Moss was re-elected chairman for the ensuing term of three years. A committee, consisting of the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Loudon, Dr. Ellis, Dr. Reeve, H. J. Scott, Rev. Mr. McWilliams, Messrs. T. W. Taylor, Rattray, Fitzgerald, and McWilliams, was appointed to draw up rules for the governance of convocation, to report at the next meeting, to be held the first Friday in October.

W. Pearman M.A. (Cantab) was elected a member of convocation.

Dr. Robertson moved, seconded by Dr. Fulton, "That this meeting recommends unrestricted affiliation of medical schools as that which will be most conducive to the interests of the University." Lost.

Mr. Thom moved, seconded by Mr. Delamere, "That it is not in the interest of the University that any medical college be granted affiliation." Lost.

After a lively discussion the following resolution, proposed by Mr. Fisher, seconded by Mr. Taylor, was carried by a large majority, "That in the opinion of convocation it is desirable, under reasonable restrictions and conditions, to encourage the affiliation of medical schools in Ontario with the University of Toronto, but that it would be manifestly unjust to permit the affiliation of any College which is already affiliated with any other university."

PERSONAL.—Dr. William Osler, Professor of Institutes of Medicine, in McGill University, was recently the recipient of a complimentary address and a purse of \$100, to aid him in scientific research. The address expressed the esteem in which he was held by his colleagues and students.

We have to thank Dr. Pyne, the Registrar, for the kind and courteous manner in which he has acted whenever applied to for information or assistance.

MEDICAL SCHOOL AND JOURNAL
MANIA.

One of our cotemporaries is severely exercised by the undue multiplication of medical schools and journals, forgetting altogether what Darwin says about the "survival of the fittest." He likewise deprecates the appointment of "mere boys" as professors in the medical schools of Canada, and doubtless knows whereof he speaks. We also have known a case in which a "mere boy" not only accepted a professorship, but *even* compiled a book on one of the most abstruse subjects in medical science before he had won his spurs. But we were told by a late eminent lecturer, with whom the writer must have been familiar, that Canadian students were so much more intelligent than European, that they could graduate in about half the time, and doubtless he found the same precocity in regard to their qualification for professorships.

As two medical schools in which *our boy* has taken part have come to an untimely end, we think the folly of these youthful appointments so thoroughly demonstrated that the evil is not likely to spread. We must remember, however, that age does not always give discretion, nor grey hairs wisdom.

CANADIAN INSTITUTE OF HOMŒOPATHY.—A meeting of homœopathic physicians was held at the Tecumseth House, London, Ont., on the 30th inst., when the above-named institute was duly organized. Dr. G. C. Field, of Woodstock, was elected President, Dr. L. Luton, of St. Thomas, Vice-President, and Dr. J. Adams, of Toronto, Secretary and Treasurer. At a subsequent meeting, in the evening, several interesting papers were read and discussed.

BOOK NOTICES.

A Case of Abdominal Pregnancy Treated by Laparotomy. By T. Gaillard Thomas, M.D. Reprinted from Gynecological Transactions.

The Prophylactical Treatment of Placenta Previa. By T. Gaillard Thomas, M.D. Reprinted from the *American Practitioner*.