

THE ROYAL SOCIETY OF CANADA.—His Excellency the Governor-General has been pleased to establish a National Literary and Scientific Society, the first meeting of which was held in Ottawa on the 25th ult. Four sections have been formed, two of Literature, French and English, one of Chemistry and Mathematics, and another of Geology and Biology, the number in each being limited to twenty members. A large number of valuable papers were presented, and the gathering may be considered a great success. An Association of this kind will do much to stimulate research and bring men into contact with each other. Strong hopes are entertained that the Government will give a grant sufficient to cover the publication of a quarto volume of Transactions. The medical members are: Dr. Bucke (English Literature), Professor Girdwood (Chemistry), Dr. Grant (Geology), Professor Osler (Biology), and Professor Robert Bell (Geology).

NOTICE TO GRADUATES OF BELLEVUE HOSPITAL MEDICAL COLLEGE.—A second decennial revision of the catalogue of Alumni of this College is being prepared for publication, and we are requested to ask that all graduates send their present address at once, on a postal card, to the Historian of the Alumni Association, Bellevue Medical College, New York.

—We regret to see announced the death of Surgeon-Major Hughes, Professor of Midwifery in Grant Medical College, Bombay. Dr. Hughes was a native of Toronto, and graduated at the University in 1868. He went to India in 1870, and since 1874 had been in Bombay, where he enjoyed a large practice, and occupied the Chair of Midwifery in the College. His death was from blood poisoning, caused by a small puncture received while performing a trifling operation.