

Editorials.

THE PROVINCIAL UNIVERSITY AND MEDICAL EDUCATION.

We notice in the April issue of the *Canada Lancet* an excellent editorial which is especially important, because it gives expression to the opinion held by at least a portion of the staff of Trinity Medical College. In speaking of the position of Trinity it mentions three alternatives—either affiliation, federation, or amalgamation. From the article we extract the following reference to the latter alternative:

"As to the third alternative, amalgamation, we do not hesitate to say that it is in our opinion the best solution of the existing difficulty; and, more than that, that it is the one thing needed to firmly establish the teaching of medicine in Ontario on a permanent and satisfactory basis. . . . The institutions concerned would profit by the concentration of energy and the lessening of expense which would follow. The beneficial effects of rivalry with other institutions would still be felt in their relations with colleges outside the city, while the divisions that have lain beneath the surface and spoiled the bloom of the friendships that should exist, and have existed in hospitals, medical societies and general practice, would cease.

"The undoubted advantages of Toronto as a centre for medical teaching could then be realized to the fullest extent, with an institution supported by a united profession and under the control of, and fostered by, the Provincial University. The post-graduate courses, for which so many have at present to expatriate themselves, would become possible at home. We look upon the present period as a crisis in educational matters, one of the gravest that has occurred in the Province in many years, big with possibilities of either good or evil to the profession, to the public, and to the progress of medicine. It is the duty of all concerned to lay aside self-interest, personal opinions and partisan views, and approach the question in the broadest spirit of conciliation, fairness, good-will, and mutual respect, looking only to the main point—a permanent settlement of the question of medical education in Toronto and in the Province."

We heartily endorse the whole article, which is evidently