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THE COMING SESSIONS IN THE MEDICAL COLLEGES.

The regular winter sessions will commence October 1st in all Canadian Medical Colleges. There is every indication that the numbers of students will be large—probably too large. The recent change in the regulations of the Ontario Medical Council, adopted two years ago, by which a second-class non-professional certificate with Latin is required, instead of a third, has caused no reduction. This makes matriculation in medicine equal to that in arts. There are many who think the standard should again be raised, but we think it would be well to note the results under the present laws before making any further changes. Candidates for a license to practise in Ontario must have matriculated, and after such matriculation must have attended four winter sessions and one summer session. The amount of practical work in laboratories and hospitals is greatly increased. With such a curriculum in the Universities and Council, a fair opportunity is afforded the Medical Colleges to furnish good courses of instruction. We are pleased to note that the character of the teaching in Canadian Schools of Medicine is improving from year to year. While willing to give them full credit for such advances, we have to say that none are yet perfect. There is still, and probably ever will be, room for improvement in a progressive art and science such as that of medicine.

MEDICAL FACULTY, UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO.

The establishment and development of the Toronto University Medical Faculty has been watched with deep interest by all the friends of our provincial school system. The excellent facilities afforded by the University in the science department has given a stimulus to medical students which is already bearing good fruit. The new building of the Biological Department will be ready for students at the commencement of the session, and large additions are being made to the chemical laboratories and lecture rooms. The demonstrations in the dissecting rooms of the College building will, we are given to understand, be more complete and satisfactory than ever before, as the staff of demonstrators has been increased and an ample supply of material is assured. The facilities granted to the three Toronto schools (including the Woman's) by the trustees of the General Hospital, the largest and best ordered in Canada, are all that could be desired, and the clinical teachers are likely to make the most of them. There will be a "general opening" for the faculties of medicine, law, and arts of the University of Toronto, in the Convocation Hall, on the afternoon of October 1st, when Sir Daniel Wilson, Professor Daniel Clark, and others, will deliver addresses. The regular sessional work will commence in all the faculties on the following day.

MEDICAL COUNCIL CURRICULUM.

A strange mistake has been made in certain quarters with respect to the changes in the Curriculum enacted at last meeting of the Ontario Medical Council. Certain papers and medical journals (including the *Montreal Medical Journal*) have published the statement that the Council in future will require two six months' courses on medical jurisprudence. We are thankful that we can say this is entirely incorrect. The previous requirement of the courses of three months' each was not changed. This is bad enough—to have doubled up in the way indicated would have been simply outrageous. We have certainly too many didactic lectures as it is, but the members of the Council hesitate about introducing reforms in this direction. To ask students in these days to