

Editorials.

THE UNIVERSITY BOARD OF GOVERNORS.

There appears to be a rather strong feeling in some quarters that the meetings of the Board of Governors of the University of Toronto should be open to the public. In reference to this matter we are heartily in accord with the *News*, from which we quote the following: "The movement to have reporters admitted to meetings of the University Board of Governors should not succeed. Practically the University Board is a department of Government. For all its acts the Government is responsible to the last degree. At any time it may dismiss the Board and reverse its policy. In this responsibility is the safety and protection of the public. But it would be as reasonable to have reporters in the Audit Department or in the Department of Forests and Mines as at the meetings of the University Board. In the presence of reporters free speech on many subjects would be difficult and many delicate questions could not be handled satisfactorily. There are places where the press is a nuisance. One of these would be at the table of the Board of Governors."

THE EVIDENCE OF MEDICAL EXPERTS.

Dr. Allan McLane Hamilton, a noted alienist of New York, has recently published an article on "Medical Experts." In referring to the Thaw trial he contended that there was reasonable ground for difference of opinion as to the degree of insanity that makes a man incapable of knowing the quality and nature of a certain act. He also expressed the opinion that experts might easily agree that a man is pathologically insane, but differ in opinion as to his legal insanity.

The *Toronto Mail and Empire* in commenting on this article expresses the opinion that while Dr. Hamilton's statement may be correct, it does not explain the growing distrust of expert evidence on the part of the general public. It adds that there is a suspicion that specialists are almost sure to be lob-sided,