

lightning at 8.30 p.m. 16th, hoar frost, first of season. 17th, fog. 19th, thunder and rain; at 5.15 p.m. perfect primary rainbow; at 6 p.m. perfect primary and indistinct secondary rainbow. 20th, at 4.20 p.m., imperfect primary rainbow. Rain every day except 5th, 6th, 7th, 10th, 11th, 15th, 16th, 17th, 25th, 29th, 31st.

WINDSOR.—On 6th, meteor from Z to S; also on 12th. 14th, lightning, thunder and rain. 21st, lightning. Storms of wind on 1st, 14th, 15th, 16th, 20th. Rain on 1st, 3rd, 4th, 8th, 11th, 12th, 13th, 14th, 19th, 20th, 30th. Temperature for the month unusually low; the rains cold and drizzling, and quantity measured small in proportion.

VI. Educational Intelligence.

— QUEEN'S UNIVERSITY.—At the Convocation of the University here yesterday, important statements were made in connection with the question of higher education. Principal Snodgrass referred to the legislation of the past session of the Provincial Legislature on this head; Professor Mowat delivered an address on the utility of classical and mathematical knowledge, and of the advantages derived from the pursuit of these studies as part of a liberal education; and Dr. Dickson of the medical faculty, entered at some length into an explanation of what had been done towards the advancement of professional education by the Council of Medical Education and Registration of Upper Canada, of which he is President. The question of medical education has been for some years past a very important topic of discussion both in and out of the medical profession of Great Britain. Lately the efforts of Dr. Parker and others to secure a transcript of the English Medical Act in Canada, having drawn public attention here to the same subject, while in the United States, the leaders of the medical profession, long conscious of the abuses which have sprung up with the multiplication of so called medical colleges in that country, are just now making a fresh effort at reform, and are embarked with the same earnestness that prevails in Great Britain and Canada into a consideration of the methods whereby improvements in professional educational status may be accomplished. This much is mentioned here not by way of adding to what Dr. Dickson stated yesterday, but to show that his remarks as a contribution to the general topic will have not merely a local or provincial concern, but must have a wider interest both in England and the United States. It certainly should concern the medical profession in Upper Canada very much to know that the President of their representative assembly is boldly in favor of a central examining body as a means of securing uniformity of qualification; but this view, we believe, is far in advance of what is agitated or has been accomplished in England, the amended Medical Act only setting up the Council as a registering and supervising body, but not interfering any further with the prescriptive rights of the examining corporations. We have gained the same distance by legislation in Canada; but now it appears the lead has been taken for measures of a nature to gain still more effectually the desired standard of uniformity below which no duly qualified practitioner may be deemed to stand. That this is an important matter for the public we have taken for granted, as it is quite obvious that the public which employs medical men must be interested in everything that can contribute to the strengthening of confidence in medical advisers, whilst the latter must be equally benefited by having the foundations of such confidence strengthened in the public. It is decidedly a public question, this matter of professional education, and we have so chosen to refer to it.—*Kingston Chronicle and News.*

— KNOX'S COLLEGE.—The services in connection with the opening of Knox's College, Toronto, took place in the hall of that institution on Wednesday at noon. There was a large attendance of ministers and adherents of the Canada Presbyterian Church, and conspicuous in the assemblage was a number of ladies, who graced the proceedings with their presence. The proceedings were opened by singing a portion of the 18th Paraphrase and prayer by the moderator of the Synod, Rev. David Inglis, of Hamilton, when the chairman introduced Professor Cavan, who was lately appointed to fill the chair of Exegetics in the College. The attendance at the College this year will be equal to any preceding one; but as the students sent forward by the Montreal board have not arrived, the exact number is not yet ascertained.—*Globe.*

— VICTORIA UNIVERSITY.—We are glad to learn from the Montreal papers that the French Canadian school of Medicine of Montreal has affiliated itself to Victoria University, Cobourg, from which institution its students will hereafter take their degree of M.B., or M.D. Victoria University is steadily growing in influence in spite of the somewhat embarrassing financial difficulties in which it was lately involved.—*Hamilton Spectator.*

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