

THE appointment of Dr. George M. Sternberg, as Surgeon-General of the United States Army, is gazetted. Dr. Sternberg was fifteenth on the roster, but in the army to the south of us that does not count. There is one thing sure, that there is no more representative man, no more scientific investigator, than Dr. Sternberg on the army staff; but it can hardly be called just to pass over the so many of his seniors.

COUNCIL EXAMINATIONS, 1893.—The following speaks for itself: *Primary*: Passed, 112 candidates; of whom 63 were students of the University Medical Faculty. 52 per cent. of all the students passed, while 73 per cent. of the University Faculty did so. *Final*: Passed, 85; of whom 42 were students in the University Medical Faculty. In this examination 73 per cent. of all the students passed, while 85 per cent. of the students of the University Medical Faculty did so.

AT the annual meeting of the Toronto Medical Society, held May 25, the following officers were elected: President, Dr. James F. W. Ross; 1st vice-president, Dr. W. J. Greig; 2nd vice-president, Dr. J. Spence; recording secretary, Dr. J. N. E. Brown; corresponding secretary, Dr. E. H. Adams; treasurer, Dr. G. A. Carveth; council, Drs. Machell, Atherton, and G. Gordon. At the same meeting the retiring president, Dr. N. A. Powell, presented the society with a handsome portrait of Dr. Oliver Wendell Holmes, of Boston.

MEDICAL ALUMNI'S OFFICERS.—The Medical Alumni Society of Toronto University has elected these officers: Dr. E. E. Kitchen, St. George, president; Drs. A. A. Macdonald, L. McFarlane, E. J. Barrick, John Ferguson, of Toronto, and F. A. Eccles, of London, vice-presidents; Dr. Bruce Riordan, treasurer; Dr. W. Harley Smith, secretary; Drs. J. D. Thorburn and Edmund E. King, auditors; Drs. Adam H. Wright, B. Spencer, Edmund E. King, J. D. Thorburn, W. H. B. Aikins, James McCallum, C. J. Hastings, George Peters, E. Herbert Adams, and George Carveth, members of the council.

DEATH OF MR. MARCUS BECK.—We deeply regret to announce the death of Mr. Marcus Beck, Professor of Surgery at University College, London, which took place at Isleworth on Sunday, May 21st. Though it was known to most of those who were well acquainted with him that he had for many years been the subject of diabetes, the end came with a suddenness which made the shock of his loss all the more grievous to the members of his family and to his friends. The immediate cause of his death was diabetic coma supervening on influenza. He was forty-nine years of age. Marcus Beck was not only an accomplished and thoroughly scientific surgeon, but a man of wide and varied culture, and of singular personal charm. In him the profession has lost one of its ablest and most high-minded members.—*British Medical Journal*.

HEALTH OFFICERS' CONVENTION.—The annual meeting of the Association of Health Officers of Ontario will be held at Guelph, Ont., on June 27 and 28. The association is composed of medical health officers, engineers, members of local boards of health, and associate members, consisting of all citizens who may wish to take part in the discussions. Special rates of railway fares and hotel expenses will be arranged, and all delegates are requested to communicate with Dr. Bryce, secretary of the Provincial Board of Health, as soon as possible. Among the papers to be discussed are the following by Toronto well-known physicians: "Dangers of a smallpox epidemic and necessity of a general vaccination," by Dr. Bryce; "Diphtheria epidemics and how principally propagated," by Dr. Hodgetts, Toronto; "Toronto water supply," Dr. J. J. Cassidy, Toronto; "Diseases in Canadian cattle," J. J. McKenzie, B.A., Toronto; "The epidemiological aspects of outbreaks of specific diarrhoea," by Dr. Norman Walker, Toronto; "Some systems of sewerage and sewage disposal that are available for Ontario cities," A. Macdougall, C.E., Toronto.—*Toronto World*.