

MONTREAL GENERAL HOSPITAL.

Just as we are putting the *Record* to press we have received a communication signed "Junior Practitioner," which is somewhat verbose, and which we are therefore unable to insert. He, however, informs us (and we confess the information was news to us) that several meetings of the Board of Management of the Montreal General Hospital have recently been held, at which the advisability of increasing the number of attending physicians, and also the propriety of some of the older members of the staff, retiring upon the Consulting Board or being made Honorary Governors, was discussed. He states "that the Board of Management were largely in favor of such a change, which would afford the younger members of the profession in the city, an opportunity of assisting in the work of the Hospital, and profiting by the vast experience which such a practice affords,"

"It appears, however, that the exclusive policy which has heretofore characterised the Medical Board, is likely still to prevail. At a meeting at which the Medical Board were invited to be present the proposition received their united opposition from the senior member of the Consulting Staff downwards, so that for the present at least, the matter is likely to be allowed to drop."

Our correspondent complains that such a policy savors strongly of exclusiveness and monopoly, and is a gross injustice to the profession in the city. He says, "the principal arguments used against the proposed change were that the present staff were competent to discharge the duties required of them (which he regards as an unfair light in which to put the question) and secondly that it was undesirable and dangerous to the harmony of the Institution, to admit any one connected with any other school than the one to which all the Medical staff, but one, are attached." This objection," he says, "is flimsy, and does not meet the case, as there are many competent men not belonging to any school, who would be candidates were any vacancies to occur."

This is the gist of the letter, and upon it we will have something to say in our next number. In the meantime, we may remark, that our correspondent is not connected with any school, and is, we believe, likely to be well informed upon what he has written.

CHAIR OF CHEMISTRY, BISHOP'S COLLEGE.

We direct attention to the advertisement concerning the Chair of Chemistry in this School.

UNIVERSITY OF BISHOP'S COLLEGE MEDICAL FACULTY.

The Second Annual Convocation of this Faculty took place in the University Buildings, Lennoxville, Que., on Thursday afternoon, the 3rd of April. There was a very large attendance of ladies and gentlemen from the vicinity and from Sherbrooke. The chair was occupied by the Hon. Edward Hale, Chancellor of the University, having on his right His Lordship Bishop Williams, of Quebec, President of the Corporation, and on his left the Rev. Dr. Nichols, Principal of the College. Dr. Edmond Robillard, one of the Governors of the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Lower Canada, received the *ad Eundem* degree of C.M., M.D.

The following gentlemen were presented by Dr. David, the Dean of the Medical Faculty, and severally received the degree of C.M., M.D. :—

George B. Shaw, Ottawa, Ontario.

Godfroi Dubuc, Chambly, Que.

George F. Slack, Montreal.

Isaac Fontaine, St. Barnabé.

F. Charles Laurence, Richmond, Que.

Robert F. Godfrey, Montreal.

William Macdonald, Montreal.

Gaspard U. Peltier, St. Guillaume.

Dr. David announced that the Medical Faculty had the past season occupied their new building, which had been found to answer admirably every want. The number of students enrolled on the College Register was thirty—three being from the Province of Ontario, and the remainder from the Province of Quebec. The valedictory address on behalf of the graduates was delivered by Dr. George B. Shaw, while the address to the graduates was delivered by Professor Godfrey.

The Rev. Dean Slack subsequently addressed the Convocation.

Quite a number of the Medical men of the vicinity were present.

At the last annual meeting of the Ontario College of Pharmacy, held in Toronto, it was decided that the Diplomas of the Pharmaceutical Association of the Province of Quebec, the Pharmaceutical Society of Great Britain, and the Philadelphia College of Pharmacy, would be recognized by that College, and such diplomas would be considered by the Board of Examiners as sufficient evidence of the qualification of the holders thereof.

It is a matter of regret to all true friends of progress, that the local legislature has not yet placed the Pharmaceutical Association of the Province of Quebec on the same footing as the sister Association holds in Ontario.—*Com.*