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THE WOMAN'S MEDICAL COLLEGE.

The Woman's Medical College, of Toronto, appears to be thriving. Its new building on Sumach Street, opposite the General Hospital, is about completed, and will be opened by a conversazione immediately before the commencement of the summer session. Its candidates at the various examinations are, as a rule, doing creditable work. There were 28 students in the school during the past session. It is expected there will be a large increase next year, as the secretary is receiving an unusual number of enquiries from various parts of Canada and the United States. The medical education of women has never been particularly popular with the profession in the country, nor, at the same time, has it met with any decided opposition. It appears to have come to stay, as far as Toronto is concerned at least.

SPRING EXAMINATIONS.

The examinations this spring do not present any very striking features. Those of the University of Toronto are probably the most thorough and practical in this province. The laboratory and hospital examinations in this institution have long been very satisfactory, and are improving from year to year. The examinations in clinical medicine and surgery, as recently conducted by Drs. McPhedran and O'Reilly, assisted by Drs. W. P. Caven and Peters, in the Toronto General Hospital, were especially worthy of commendation. Last year complaints were made that sufficient time had not been

allowed the students for this hospital work. The Senate thought the complaints were reasonable, and appointed the assistants mentioned, with results very gratifying both to Drs. O'Reilly and McPhedran and the students.

The examinations for the Medical Council commenced in Toronto and Kingston on Tuesday, April 9th. There are about 200 candidates in the primary subjects, and nearly the same number in the final. As usual they are, to a large extent, practical in character, and, taken on the whole, will prove satisfactory to the majority. The number of candidates are about the same as for the last two or three years. Among the universities, the largest graduating class will be from Trinity College.

THE MEDICAL COUNCIL OF BRITISH COLUMBIA.

We publish in this issue a letter from Dr. McGuigan, of Vancouver, which gives some particulars respecting recent legislation in the far west. He, as President of the Council, knows whereof he speaks, and we must accept his statements without any reservation, and, as a consequence, withdraw the charge of apathy in connection with that body.

Our medical men who went out to the Pacific coast last summer were favorably impressed with the apparent status of the profession, both on the Island and on the mainland. The medical register of British Columbia contains the names of many that are well and favorably known to us in the east. Its Medical Council is constituted and governed very much like that of Ontario, and we believe it will do much to raise and maintain a high standard in the medical profession.

One of the complaints raised against it is that it should assume to examine the graduates of reputable Universities in Canada and Great Britain, before granting them a license to practise. This may seem a hardship or even an absurdity in certain cases; but it is exactly the system which prevails in Ontario, and, with all its drawbacks, we have found that it has been productive of good. The history of medical education in Ontario has shown that certain of her Universities, by various devices, endeavored to make smooth the paths of medical students