

however, that according to present indications the Toronto medical schools are likely to have large classes. Certain exaggerated reports with reference to financial matters in connection with the medical faculty of the University of Toronto have caused some of its friends to fear that it cannot last much longer; but it is confidently asserted by those who ought to know that the prospects for the future success of the faculty were never brighter than at present. Without discussing details at this time, we may say that we have reason to believe the University is bound to support its medical faculty, and encourage its development in the direction of continuous advance, instead of allowing its usefulness to be impaired in any way. The opening lecture for the coming session will be delivered by Professor A. B. Macallum, in the Biological Department, at eight o'clock in the evening of October 3rd.

The opening exercises in Trinity Medical College will take place October 2nd, when Dr. D. Gilbert Gordon will deliver the opening lecture at four o'clock in the afternoon, in the lecture room of the college.

The opening lecture of the Woman's Medical College will be delivered on the same day by Dr. G. B. Smith. The friends of the latter institution are well pleased with its progress, and expect a large attendance during the coming session. The medical schools of London and Kingston will be opened on the same day.

PAN-AMERICAN MEDICAL CONGRESS.

THE first Pan-American Medical Congress, held in Washington, September 5th, 6th, 7th, and 8th, is reported to have been highly successful. President Cleveland formally opened the proceedings, and delivered a short and appropriate address. An address of welcome was also delivered by the president of the District of Columbia. After the presentation of an informal report by the secretary-general, Dr. William Pepper, of Philadelphia, delivered an admirable address, which is published in full in the *New York Medical Journal*, September 9th.

We are informed that the work done in the various sections was of a high order. We hope to be able to refer in detail to the meeting in our next issue. Various American journals give great praise to the secretary-general, Dr. Charles A. L. Reed, of Cincinnati, who conceived the idea of holding the congress, and has been its principal promoter during the last two years. It is doubtful if the world has ever seen a better organization in connection with any meeting of medical men. Dr. Reed has certainly shown wondrous energy and great executive ability, and well deserves the praise which has been showered upon him from various quarters. We