

from a desire to obtain a speedy and indignant denial to the charge that we drew attention to it than from any willingness to believe it. We were, therefore, only too happy to receive a communication from one of the leading physicians of Toronto, asking us to contradict the imputation emphatically. "Nothing, he says, is more foreign to her instincts or more abhorrent than this. The whole thing arose out of Trinity University acceding to a request, thinking it quite within her powers, to conduct musical examinations in England through a board of the very best men. The *British Medical Journal* he says was misled into publishing one severe article, but handsomely withdrew everything on learning the true facts. We too are doing all we can most gladly, but in the face of great and most unfair opposition to keep up and improve the standard of really good medical education here." As our correspondent is thoroughly reliable we trust that his denial of this slur on the Canadian professions good name may be made as widely known as possible. As the Trinity Medical College has nothing whatever to do with Trinity Musical College it is unfair to blame the former for the latter's deeds, even if they were questionable, which in this case they do not seem to have been.

### BOOK NOTICES.

We are pleased to announce that a much needed work, a practical therapeutics by Dr. Ernest Desrosiers, Professor of *Materia Medica* and Therapeutics in Laval University, and attending physician at Notre Dame Hospital, will be published in October. From the advance sheets which we have seen we can promise that it will be one of the clearest treatises on the subject which has ever appeared in either the English or French languages.

A NEW MEDICAL DICTIONARY. Including all the Words and Phrases used in Medicine, with their proper Pronunciation and Definitions, based on Recent Medical Literature. By George M. Gould, B.A., M.D., Ophthalmic Surgeon to the Philadelphia Hospital, etc. With Tables of the Bacilli, Micrococci, Leucomaines, Ptomaines, etc., of the Arteries, Muscles,

Nerves, Ganglia and Plexuses; Mineral Springs of U. S., Vital Statistics, etc. Small octavo, 520 pages. Half dark leather, \$3.25; half Morocco, thumb index, \$4.25. Philadelphia: P. Blakiston, Son & Co.

If the coinage of new words be indicative of medical progress, surely the last decade will mark an epoch in its history. In the various specialties, in fact in all departments of medical science, there has been a constant demand for the expression of new ideas and for clearer definitions of old ones. Indeed, a dictionary that shall be fully abreast of the times must be little less than a new one.

In answer to a very general demand the publishers of this volume have brought out a work which will be found of great value to the medical profession. The author's aim evidently has been to include within its pages every important medical term to be found in the older vocabularies, and also to incorporate the thousands of new ones which give promise of permanency in medical literature. In Gynecology, Ophthalmology, Otology and Laryngology; in Biology, Embryology, Physiology and Pathology; in Electro-therapeutics, and in the newly-developed fields of Bacteriology, Ptomaines and Leucomaines, the aim has been evidently to issue an authoritative text-book, one that should be ample in its vocabulary, concise in its definitions, compact in its arrangement, and convenient of size for the every-day use of busy practitioners, and as a handbook for medical students.

The author, in this respect, is to be congratulated upon his success, and so far as a careful examination enables us to judge, it faithfully represents the standard medical literature of to-day.

The work is scientific and practical, compact in form and of moderate price. Messrs. Blakiston, Son & Co., Philadelphia, deserve great credit for the admirable manner in which the mechanical part of the work has been executed. Gould's new Medical Dictionary is a model of its kind, and will undoubtedly be fully appreciated by both physicians and students, to whom we recommend it.

Messrs. W. Drysdale & Co., St. James street, Montreal, have a full stock of this valuable work on hand.

### NEWS ITEMS.

The catalogue of the New York Polyclinic shows an attendance for the session 1889-90 of 422. The following extract shows that the Faculty have resolved to exclude all but graduates of regular medical colleges from matriculating at this school.

Practitioners who are graduates of regular medical colleges, or who having attended one or more courses of lectures at such college, have a legal permit to practice, will be admitted.

The twenty-third annual meeting of the Cana-