

faction with the condition of things since the re-establishment of the Medical Faculty, which, in his opinion, should never have been abolished. We are pleased to know that there is a general consensus of opinion on this subject, and as a consequence, the new faculty is receiving a cordial and generous support which assures its success. There is a large and enthusiastic class of students, and it only remains for the members of the teaching staff to work zealously in the good cause, and thus prove worthy of the great trust imposed upon them.

Its worthy and friendly rival in Toronto, the Trinity Medical College, is meeting with its usual success. Its opening exercises were slightly marred by a small and discordant element, but it retains the old enthusiasm among its teachers and students, and is doing good work. The opening lecture was delivered by Rev. Dr. Johnston, of Jamaica, one of its most distinguished and worthy graduates. As usual, the number of students is large, and the college continues to prosper.

The Woman's Medical College, of Toronto, deserves the most favorable mention. Its worthy staff of teachers have done their duty nobly with little or no remuneration. We cannot say that we are very enthusiastic about the fitness of women to become doctors. We are inclined to think that other spheres suit them better, but we have a decided opinion that, when they choose this honorable but laborious profession, they should have an equal chance with the men; and we are glad to know that such an opportunity is afforded in this college. With so many friends of higher education for women in this wealthy and prosperous city, we think this college has not received the support it deserves. In another column we have given a synopsis of the opening lecture delivered by Dr. Powell.

Reports from other medical colleges in Canada show that all are prospering. There is evidently going to be no paucity of doctors in the future. The few corners in Toronto and other cities and towns, not at present covered with medical shingles, are not likely to remain long unadorned. From the east, the west, the north and the south they still are coming, and the prospects are that the supply will not run short.

THE WHITECHAPEL MURDERS.

The history of the Whitechapel murders is one of the most remarkable in the annals of crime. Whitechapel is one of the worst districts in the east of London, England, and the character of its inhabitants is of the worst possible type. The murderer appears to have entered upon a crusade against the street-walking prostitutes. His plan is to meet these unfortunate creatures and entice them into some dark corner, professedly for ordinary immoral purposes, and then to murder and mutilate them in a horrible way.

From reports of the *post-mortem* examinations, we find that he shows a certain rough skill, with some anatomical knowledge. The appearances indicate that he uses a knife which must be very sharp, with a blade five or six inches in length. He makes a fearful gash in the throat, takes off a portion of one ear, and cuts out certain portions of the body which he carries away. These portions are a piece of the abdominal wall, including the navel, two-thirds of the bladder (posterior and upper portions), the upper third of the vagina and the whole of the uterus.

It is supposed that someone who has contracted disease from illicit intercourse, and who has become wholly or partially demented, is actuated by feelings of revenge, and adopts this horrible method of punishing fallen women. As a matter of course, such a series of mysterious and revolting murders is causing intense excitement, and extraordinary efforts to discover the criminal are being made.

PHYSICIANS' PRESCRIPTIONS AND THE DRUGGISTS.

Much has been said and written on the subject of doctors' prescriptions which have gone into the hands of druggists; and the burning question is, Do such prescriptions belong to the druggists or do they remain the property of the physician? It is scarcely worth our while to discuss the legal aspects of the case. So far as we know the druggist can do what he likes with such prescriptions; practically this is what it amounts to at all events. Of course he cannot