

Editorials.

Lord Lister on Consolidation.

At the special convocation of Trinity University, Lord Lister spoke of the advisability of having the universities consolidated. We can easily see how this would do much good. A direction in which consolidation would be of the utmost utility would be along the lines of consolidation in the medical schools. There are now five medical colleges in Ontario—three being in Toronto. It is plain to all impartial observers that better work would be done by one college well equipped in every detail. The tendency to overcrowding of the medical profession is apparent to all. With fewer colleges, and a higher standard of qualification, this would be lessened somewhat. Any improvement in this direction would be hailed with pleasure by the medical profession, which at present is neither overworked nor overpaid.

British Association for Advancement of Science.

THERE is no doubt that the visit of this Association did honor to Toronto. It must be regarded as no ordinary affair to have the annual visit of this distinguished gathering, representing as it does so many sections of human culture and progress. This is the second time the Association has visited Canada; in 1884 in Montreal, and this year in Toronto.

While the *MEDICAL REVIEW* voices its praise of the visit, and eminent scientist who formed the Association, it must express the regret that during the progress of the meeting and since there should have been so much adverse criticism of the local management. To a great extent all this is due to the part taken in the management by one of the local secretaries.

When one studies the composition of the many committees, such as conversazione, finance, conveyance, printing, sister institutions, telegraph and telephone, rooms, hotels, press, hospitality, reception, executive, it becomes apparent that the medical profession has been most studiously ignored. It is true that the names of Dr. A. B. Macallum and W. H. Ellis appear, but these have long given up