

ture, October 2nd. This school has a larger class of freshmen than usual.

MEDICAL DEPARTMENT, WESTERN UNIVERSITY,
LONDON.

A very able introductory lecture was delivered in this school, which is now entering its second year, by Dr. Buck, Superintendent of the London Asylum.

THE WOMAN'S MEDICAL COLLEGE, OF TORONTO.

This Institution was opened October, 1st, when its President, Dr. Barrett, delivered the inaugural address of its first session. A very suitable building has been purchased, convenient to the hospital, which will accommodate about twenty-five or thirty students, which will amply suffice for the present. There are five students in attendance. A number of those who expected to attend this year have delayed for the purpose of preparing for matriculation.

THE WOMEN'S MEDICAL COLLEGE, OF KINGSTON.

This College commenced its regular work in the second week of October. The citizens of Kingston have been very generous in their offers of assistance, and one lady of Toronto is giving substantial aid. There are about ten students, including the Kingston students of last year.

HARVARD MEDICAL CENTENARY.

On the 17th October last the Medical Department of Harvard University celebrated the 100th anniversary of its foundation and at the same time dedicated its new building on the corner of Boylston and Exeter Streets. The building is a plain solid brick structure, four stories in height, with a frontage on Boylston Street of 122 feet, by 90 feet on Exeter Street, and cost \$300,000, the gift of numerous friends. The past century has given the school an association with great names, and an honourable history. The future, opening under favourable auspices, with excellent teachers, commodious and well fitted laboratories, improved methods and increasing skill and knowledge, presents a vista of boundless

possibilities. The centennial celebration took place in Huntingdon Hall in the Institute of Technology, above Boylston Street, a short distance from the new school building. An immense concourse of lay and professional friends was present. On the platform were seated President Eliot, Prof. O. W. Holmes, Prof. Bigelow, Mayor Palmer, ex-Mayor Green, President F. A. Walker of the School of Technology, the Faculty of the School and many invited guests, amongst them were Sir Wm. McCormac and Dr. Lyon Playfair, of London, Drs. Barker, Marion Sims, Agnew, Dalton, Draper, Shrady, F. R. Sturgis, of New York; Dr. Mullin, of Hamilton; Dr. Aikins, of Toronto; Drs. Howard, Osler, and F. W. Campbell, and Prof. T. Sterry Hunt, of Montreal; and Dr. Atherton, of Fredericton. President Eliot delivered an address of welcome, and was followed in a sparkling and brilliant oration by Prof. Oliver Wendell Holmes in which he dealt with his usual felicity with the history, the utility and the prospects of the school at three dates chiefly: 1783, 1833, and 1853. At the conclusion of this oration a presentation was made to the college of a portrait of Prof. Holmes and a bust of Prof. Bigelow on behalf of the Alumni. The ceremony of dedication of the new building was then proceeded with, after which lunch was served and the building inspected. In the evening a reception was given by the faculty to the guests of the day at Young's Hotel.

PRIVATE ASYLUM FOR ONTARIO.

The Homewood Retreat Association for Insane Persons and Inebriates, is to open its asylum in the City of Guelph sometime this month. The design is to afford accommodation for such unfortunates amongst the upper and wealthier classes. The special comforts and advantages of such an institution it has hitherto been necessary to seek elsewhere. The Retreat is situated in the outskirts of the City of Guelph upon twenty acres of land suitably located and