

A CONVOCAION FOR GRANTING DEGREES IN MEDICINE.

IN the JOURNAL of March 4th it is said that in the Royal College final students "wonder whether they must wait till the last week in April for their degree," and hope that the Senate may arrange for a separate Medical Convocation. It is surely known by this time that the University Council is the body that arranges for the calling of convocations, and that there are seven or eight representatives of the medical profession, including representatives of the Royal and the Women's Medical College in that body. If it is desirable to have a special convocation early in April, why do not these gentlemen move, or why do not the medical students ask them to move? Two or three years ago the Principal brought the proposal before the University Council, but no one was prepared to recommend a new departure. Last year the Council passed a resolution asking the Senate to consider the matter; but the Senate, seeing that there was not even a recommendation from the body whose business it was to act, and therefore not the slightest proof that the change would be a success, or even that it was wanted, very properly took no action. Let the members of the University Council attend its meetings or resign, and let them do something to satisfy their constituents.

COLLEGE NOTES.

SOME student was around again with a little tin horn. One of our Profs. asked him to practice outside or in Convocation Hall.

Lost, a long gown with a patch on the bottom; finder will please return to Colin C. Arthurs.

The next number of the JOURNAL will be respectfully dedicated to the senior year. Among other interesting articles will be a minute description of the individual members of this class, and as we have armed our Fighting Editor with a new suit of clothes and the promise of a rise in salary, no objections or protests will be tolerated.

EXCHANGES.

THE *Nassau Literary Magazine* is an admirable illustration of what is possible in the line of college literature of a high type. The pages of the February number contain articles in all tones, and all of them excellent.

In an editorial in the *University Monthly*, University of New Brunswick, a not ill-founded attack is made on examinations. With our exams not two weeks away we sympathize with the writer. The author of the article on "Genius" employs a considerable amount of that qualification, of his own kind, in attempting to prove his subject to be nothing but a combination of hard work and favorable opportunities.

The "Extracts from an Essay on Thoreau," in the *Varsity* (Nos. 11 and 12) are marked by a comprehension of that author which could only come from careful study of his work, and by a boldness of thought and felicity of expression that raise the article considerably above the level of the average essay to be found in college periodicals.

The Ottawa College *Owl* is one of the neatest of our exchanges, but the reflections, in its editorial columns, on the other colleges of Ontario, with sweeping accusations of greediness and vanity, have a spiteful ring about them. The article on "Gladstone and Ingersoll" is marked by some rather abusive language, which lends the number anything but a dignified tone.

Several light and amusing poems, in the ninth number of the *McGill Gazette*, would seem to indicate an abundance of poets at McGill.

The greater portion of the *College Transcript* is taken up with personal information concerning the students and alumni of the Ohio Wesleyan University. Its personal columns are too thorough to permit of the *Transcript* having much interest for any but students of the O. W. U.

The *Rutgers Targum* is chiefly devoted to local news, almost the only purely literary article in the last number being an instalment of a continued ghost story.

The *Notre Dame Scholastic* has also begun a series of tales of the same nature. Although they are entitled "A Blood-curdling Experiment," so far we have failed to find anything particularly curdling in them.

The ninth number of the *Lehigh Burr*—a well-edited and ever-welcome exchange—also contains a mysterious tale, which, while more thrilling, is at the same time told in a more realistic manner than the generality of such stories.

In the last—and best—number of the *Columbia Spec*, the staff which has so ably managed it for the past year, makes its bow. As we have remarked before, the *Spec* is the brightest and spiciest of our exchanges, and we can only hope that in the future it may be as interesting as in the past.

The *University Quarterly*, University of New York, is rather late in making its appearance. It is a bright little magazine, containing many items of interest concerning its own and other colleges.

The *Owl*, Ottawa College, ranks among the neatest of our exchanges. In the March number—which is exceedingly interesting—none of the articles are marred by the too forcible language which has lent to some of the previous ones rather an undignified tone.