

this we have lately seen the successful inauguration of two Ladies' Medical Colleges, at Kingston and Toronto. As expected they have started with a small attendance, but the promises are bright for the future. The need of such schools has been clearly shown; there is a large field of usefulness, and the ultimate success is certain. We doubt the advisability of starting at the same time *two* schools, where the work could be accomplished by one. The rivalry thus early manifested may increase and in time prove disadvantageous to both.

THE rewards, emoluments and pickings of political offices are proverbial, but how different in the case of our leading men of education and science, especially in this new world. Happily, however, we occasionally hear of a bright exception. For some time rumors have been afloat that Dr. Dawson intended to sever his connection with McGill University, and return to a field of wider usefulness and of greater profit in the old world. Whether this be true or not, we cannot definitely say: this much, however, is true, that he has left on a year's absence, cheered with a purse of \$5,000, the gift of the appreciative citizens of Montreal. May this spirit increase, and if our different institutions are unable to pay reasonable salaries to a deserving class, may our wealthy citizens show their appreciation in such practical ways.

WE are to have a grand scientific gathering, and the Government is to foot the bill. The British Association have at last decided to come over and see us next summer, and the American Association have plainly said they would like to come, only they wish an invitation, which, of course, will be given. A large number of passes are now available, and there are about five men anxious for each pass. The Canada Pacific Railway has promised a free ride to the Rockies. The cities will doubtless entertain them by the way. Montreal is already astir to provide attractions and entertainment. In other words, it will be an outing, extensive, varied and most enjoyable for the *elite* of English learning. No wonder that the proposition was so ably advocated and so eagerly adopted!