

tinue it as before. A Central Examining Board will be formed, and will meet early in April. Laval University desired that this Board should meet in July, as being the time most convenient for her. She, however, has consented to so arrange her course as to terminate in March, and the time for the Central Board to meet will suit every one. The total cast of the Diploma of Membership will then be \$50.00, this including the fees for both the Primary and Final examinations. This Board will only meet once every year. The second most important alteration is in the method of electing the Governors. The old plan of proxies is done away with, and each judicial district will, commencing with the next tri-annual election, be conducted by each district in the manner reported upon by a previous committee, and which was published in the Record for July last. The Universities will have, as at present, each two representatives. The city of Montreal and the City of Quebec 4 each. One representative from the Judicial Districts of Montreal, Quebec, Gaspé, Saguenay and Chicoutimi, Rimouski, Montmagny, Beauce, Kamouraska, Terebonne, Joliette, Richelieu, Bedford, St. Hyacinthe, Iberville, Beauharnois, Ottawa and Arthabaska; 2 for the city and district of Three Rivers; and 3 for the district of St. Francis—making in all forty Governors, as at present. Arrangements are made for reciprocal registration with all Provinces having a Central Examining Board.

The semi-annual meeting on the 29th was largely attended. Dr. Hingston, the newly-elected president, presided, and by his excellent chairmanship much expedited the business of the College. Several graduates took their license in course. A resolution was passed unanimously congratulating Dr. Hingston on his election as an Honorary member of the British Medical Association.

OFFICERS OF THE INTERNATIONAL MEDICAL CONGRESS.

The Executive Committee of the International Congress have finally elected the following officers for the Washington Congress of 1887:

President.—N. S. Davis of Chicago.

Vice-Presidents.—W. O. Baldwin of Montgomery, Ala.; Wm. Brodie of Detroit; W. W. Dawson of Cincinnati; E. M. Moore of Rochester, N.Y.; J. A. Grant, Ottawa, Canada; T. G. Richardson of New Orleans; L. A. Sayre of New York; J. M. Tonor of Washington; the President of the American Medical Association; the Surgeon-Gen-

eral United States Army; Surgeon-General United States Navy; Supervising Surgeon-General Marine Hospital Service.

Secretary-General.—J. B. S. Hamilton, U. S., Marine Hospital Service.

Treasurer.—E. S. F. Arnold of New York.

Chairman Finance Committee.—Richard J. Dangleison, Philadelphia.

Chairmen of Sections were also elected, but we have not room for their names.

We must confess that as a whole, these names do not appear to be as representative as we would wish. We, however, hope that now all past differences will be forgotten, and that all will work loyally to make the Congress a great success.

THE ORIGIN OF SCARLET FEVER.

Dr. Cameron, of London, England, claims to have discovered the fact that a vesicular disease on the teats and udder of cows is capable of producing, through milk, scarlet fever in the human being. The London *Lancet* says of this discovery: "We have no hesitation in expressing our belief that we are at last brought face to face with the origin of the disease." The British Government have taken the matter up, and it will be fully investigated. It would indeed seem as if we were on the eve of a discovery, only second in its importance, to vaccination.

TORONTO ITEMS.

A new and handsome operating-room has been built in the Toronto General Hospital. It is said to be capable of giving accommodation to about six hundred students.

The Ontario Medical Council is about to erect in Toronto a handsome building for its occupation. When we realize the folly of our perambulating system for our College of Physicians and Surgeons, we may hope to emulate the example of our Ontario brethren. But we fear that time is a long way off. Indications do not show any tendency in that direction now. Just the opposite, if one judges by the temper displayed by our Quebec friends, when it was suggested at the special meeting of the College held in July last, to locate permanently in Montreal.

The profession in Toronto and Ontario generally seem pleased at the information which has reached them, that the new British Medical Act takes away from old country graduates and licen-