

Editorials.

THE ILLNESS OF THE GERMAN EMPEROR.

The medical world was surprised and to some extent shocked to learn recently that a growth had been detected in the larynx of the German Emperor. It was promptly removed and we are told that it was found to be a *benign* polypus with absolutely nothing to justify a suspicion of malignancy.

The opinion thus positively expressed is very satisfactory, but does not remove a certain uneasiness in the minds of thoughtful physicians. We cannot forget that the late Emperor William had also a growth in the larynx which at first showed no signs of malignancy, but in a comparatively short time cancer was found to be present.

In connection with the Emperor Frederick's laryngeal affection it is interesting to note that for some time after Schmidt's declaration that the growth was malignant, Sir Morell Mackenzie maintained that it was benign. Virchow after numerous microscopical examinations, expressed a decided opinion that Mackenzie was right. These facts of course prove nothing as to the condition of the Emperor William's larynx, but they tend to make his subjects and well-wishers outside of Germany more or less uncomfortable.

JUBILEE OF THE MEDICAL FACULTY OF QUEEN'S UNIVERSITY.

The jubilee year of the medical faculty of Queen's was celebrated by a great gathering in old Convocation Hall, October 14th. Sir Sandford Fleming, Chancellor of the University, presided. Nearly all the medical professors, members of the senate, many trustees, delegates from other universities and guests occupied seats on the platform with the Chancellor and Principal. In the gallery the medical students had a merry time.