

THE NEW MEDICAL BUILDING OF THE UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO.

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BEFORE the close of the present month, it is expected that the ground will be broken for the new medical building of the University of Toronto which is to be erected in the neighborhood of the present Biological Department.

For many years past, the work of the final years in the University Medical Faculty has been carried on in the old building on the corner of Gerrard and Sackville Streets, formerly occupied by the Toronto School of Medicine, which has been rented by the University from the Toronto School Corporation.

The remarkable growth in numbers of students during the past three or four years has rendered it imperative that arrangements should be made to accommodate growing classes and with this end in view, the medical faculty began over a year ago to discuss the advisability of erecting a new building nearer to the University itself.

At the same time the growth of the classes in the Biological Building made it necessary that expansion for the arts department of Physiology should be thought of and the University Trustees decided to consider the question of providing for both needs in the same building.

After mature consideration by all the bodies interested, and after consultation with the Government, a scheme was proposed for a building to cost about \$125,000, and Messrs Darling and Pearson were retained as architects.

The site set apart by the University Trustees was the piece of land between the Library and the west wing of the Biological Department, now occupied by a small brick dwelling, there being ample space there, for a large building, yet leaving plenty of room for expansion of the present Library Building when that shall become necessary.

The planning of such a building necessitates very careful consideration of all the problems involved, for not only must it be fitted for the purposes of medical and physiological teaching, but occupying as it will a prominent position facing the campus, the architectural features had to be carefully thought out.

The plans and specifications are now complete and Messrs. Darling and Pearson may be congratulated on meeting their problem effectively, first by a ground plan which leaves nothing to be desired from the standpoint of convenience and efficiency, and, second, by an elevation which will be a decided ornament to the lawn.