

## CORRESPONDENCE.

To the Editor of the *Canada Lancet*.

DEAR SIR,—Last week the announcement was received with universal satisfaction, that Her Majesty Queen Victoria had been pleased to confer the honour of a Baronetcy upon our highly esteemed citizen Professor Christison. This is the second time during the present year, that Sir Robert Christison has had a lasting honour paid to him, having a bust placed in the University while he is still living. When quite a young man he was elected to the chair of Medical Jurisprudence, which position he held for some years, and contributed much to advance that study. He was afterwards transferred to the chair of *Materia Medica*, which he still continues to fill, having been nearly half a century connected with the famed University of this city. Since 1858, when the University Act was passed, he has had a seat in the University Court as a representative of the *Senatus Academicus*. He has also taken a leading part in the doings of the General Medical Council of Education and Registration, being one of the members nominated by the Crown. At this present time he is President of the Royal Society of Edinburgh, being one of the highest honours a medical man in Scotland can obtain. His writings upon *Materia Medica* are so widely known that it is almost useless to mention it. For many years he has been at the head of the medical profession, and largely consulted throughout Scotland and by many from distant parts. His treatise upon poisons has gained for him a high reputation in many countries. His honors have been well earned and it is our earnest hope that he may long live to wear them. It is stated that it was through the Premier, that Professor Christison's contributions to the science of medicine, were made known to Her Majesty as deserving of the honour of a Baronetcy. This is the more pleasing as the worthy Professor is upon the opposite side of politics.

The female medical students are now evidently upon the brink of a precipice, as regards their studying in the Edinburgh University. Both sides have been taking the advice of counsel, and the University found that they had acted illegally in admitting women in the first place, and have rendered themselves liable to damages to the lady students. The University Court