

fessors are unseen, and consequently are liable to lose their attendance marks. In order, therefore, that they might appear *in corpore*, let them attend to the official notice. The mortar-boards are not for class wear, but are probably intended as a preventative against intellectual escape when their owners are outdoors. Further, the academic costume in itself is becoming, and uniformity in the appearance of students in college lends an attractive and cheerful air to the surroundings, which is an important factor in all institutions of learning.

THE Women's Medical College is now a fixed institution in Canada. A few years ago the mere mention of the probability of women professionally ministering to bodily ailments would have met with derision. But medicals, however much they may dislike the fact of having lady competitors in the same field of study, must now swallow the pill with a good grace, since women have proved themselves intellectually equal, in many instances, to men. Ungalant it may appear, on the part of the Medical Faculty, to require the ladies to pass the same examinations as the gentleman students, yet their action we think highly justifiable, when we consider that the profession they desire to follow is a very responsible one, and that the fair hand can just as readily as any other administer the fatal drug, though the heart be ever so tender, if it is not guided by a discriminating and well-trained brain. So long as ladies are required to travel the same thorny road to the "M. D." as the gentlemen, no objection can be made. Dr. Sullivan says there is scope in the Northwest for all the medicals, male and female, Queen's will be able to send out for the next fifty years to come. But the doctor will not guarantee the patients. This is saying much for the Northwest; but it brings poor comfort to the M.D's. No

doubt they desire scope, but with the scope patients, and with the patients substantial fees. From a circular just issued by the Medical Faculty for the guidance of ladies desirous of prosecuting their studies in medicine, we learn that the college was never so prosperous as now, and that an ample endowment fund had been contributed, sufficient "to pay the professors a fair salary, to comfortably fit up and equip the college class-rooms with proper teaching appliances, and at the end of last session to leave a good balance in the treasury." This is an encouraging statement, and proves conclusively that the public are interested in the higher education of women. The sphere in the medical world intended for the ladies is to be exclusively confined to their own sex. "Already," the circular adds, "hundreds of suffering women have expressed their gratitude for a physician of their own sex." What, therefore, is prized so highly by the one half (and admittedly the better half) of humanity ought not to be denied them. Principal Grant says: "Each century is widening the sphere and opening new avenues for women. First, women were used as drudges; then it was thought they would make good sweethearts—which is the case still—then wives, sisters and companions. Now they can be found in business circles, and entrusted with great responsibilities. I am in favor, he adds, of allowing ladies on the college board of management and on the staff of professors as well."

BY the death of John Campbell Shairp, Principal of St. Andrew's College, which occurred lately at Ormsary, in Argyleshire, Scotland has lost one of her most graceful and scholarly men. He was a native of Linlithgowshire, and a class companion and friend of Dr. Norman Macleod. For a time Shairp held an appointment as