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THE WOMAN'S MEDICAL COLLEGE OF TORONTO.

A LETTER which appeared in the daily papers from Mrs. D. McEwen, gives some interesting particulars about the Woman's Medical College of Toronto. The College has just completed its sixth session, with a class of twenty-five students, and it has been found that the present building must be enlarged. Reference is made to the fact that there is a pressing need of trained medical women for the foreign missions in the East where the women in the Zenenas, when sick and suffering, are not allowed to consult male physicians. The untiring efforts of Mrs. McEwen, in conjunction with the work of the late Dr. Barrett, were chiefly instrumental in putting the institution on a sound basis six years ago, and we hope the present appeal will meet with a satisfactory response.

THE COUNCIL EXAMINATIONS.

THE examinations of the Ontario Medical Council have been completed, and though we cannot foreshadow the results, we think that upon the whole they have been satisfactory. The time allowed for the oral examinations in both final and primary subjects has unfortunately not been sufficient, but the examiners have shown commendable zeal in making the most of it. It will be remembered that the Board are

allowed no discretionary powers, and the minimum demanded in the principal subjects is fifty per cent. This is a high percentage when we consider the many chances in a hurried examination in a number of subjects. The Universities, as a rule, require fifty per cent. on the aggregate, with a minimum in any one subject of thirty-three per cent. Fortunately, however, for the candidates, the oral and written results in each subject are taken together, so that a surplus on the one side may make up a deficiency in the other.

ALUMNI ASSOCIATION OF THE MEDICAL FACULTY OF THE UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO.

THE promoters of this organization are much pleased with its success. The second meeting of the Association was held in Professor London's lecture room in the University, on the afternoon of the special convocation for medicine and dentistry, the president of last year, Dr. Richardson, occupying the chair. The officers for the coming year were elected, and the meeting adjourned to allow the members to attend the convocation. The annual dinner was held in the Queen's Hotel on the same evening, with Dr. Thorburn, the newly elected president, in the chair, and Dr. Shaw, of Hamilton, the 1st vice-president, in the vice-chair. The proceedings were quite informal in character, the only toasts being "The Queen" and "The Retiring President." A number of songs were sung and the best of good feeling prevailed. The efforts of the officers to make the gathering assume the character of a pleasant reunion were wise, and the results were very gratifying to all present. The Alumni dinner is now evidently a fixture, and we hope from year to year to see a larger number of graduates from outside districts present. The Alumni are proud of the position of the Medical Faculty, and have shown their appreciation by attending the last two convocations in larger numbers than they ever did in former years. This is very gratifying to the teaching staff, and will stimulate its members to still greater exertions towards keeping up a high standard of medical education.