

THE CHAIR OF ANATOMY AT ABERDEEN.

The following names have already been mentioned as probable candidates for this chair, now rendered vacant by the resignation of Dr. Struthers: Dr. R. W. Reid, of St. Thomas's Hospital; Mr. Arthur Thomson, M.B., of Oxford; Dr. Symington and Mr. J. Macdonald Brown, of Edinburgh. We feel certain that were the profession in Canada allowed to vote, Dr. Reid would be the successful candidate. Successive generations of Canadian students who have attended the classes at St. Thomas's Hospital Medical School have found in Dr. Reid a sound anatomist, a good teacher, and a kind friend. The governors of the University of Aberdeen in appointing Dr. Reid will not only select an anatomist and teacher of the very first rank, but they will have the satisfaction of being able to fill this important chair from amongst their own alumni.

A GOOD MOVE.—The medical department of the University of Buffalo now demands a matriculation examination. True, it is not a very searching ordeal, but it represents, such as it is, the beginning of a movement to advance the general education of the profession in the United States. Students who join in the coming session will be required to pass an examination in arithmetic, geography, the elements of natural philosophy, and in English composition, including orthography, penmanship and grammatical construction.

Medical Items.

REPORT OF THE AUSTRALIAN COMMISSION ON M. PASTEUR'S PROPOSALS.

The Melbourne correspondent of the *British Medical Journal* writes that the Commission on Pasteur's method for exterminating rabbits has forwarded its report. While rabbits are killed by the addition of the microbes of chicken cholera to their food, the disease does not spread freely from infected to healthy rabbits. The disease in rabbits differs widely in this respect from chicken cholera as seen amongst fowls, where it is virulently infective. Fowls thus infected