

appoint a senior pathologist, with one or two junior men to act under him. It is to be regretted that they have not seen their way to carry out this suggestion, which, it is stated, was all but unanimously supported by the medical staff. The candidates for the two vacant appointments are all junior men.

THE MEDICAL EDUCATION OF WOMEN IN EDINBURGH.

It is stated on good authority that a conference is to be held between the medical staff and managers of the Edinburgh Royal Infirmary in order to arrive at some arrangement by which the twelve women students of medicine who are at present requesting clinical instruction should receive that instruction in some or other of the wards.

SCOTTISH UNIVERSITIES COMMISSION.

A MEETING of this Commission was held on June 6th, when the redistribution of chairs in St. Andrews University and University College, Dundee, was considered in committee. Principal Donaldson and Professor Knight, of St. Andrews; and Principal Peterson, of Dundee University College, attended, and gave evidence on the matter.

IRELAND.

DR. E. THOMPSON, of Omagh, will be the Unionist candidate for Mid-Tyrone.

At a meeting of Convocation of the Royal University held on June 1st, Mr. William Thomson, F.R.C.S. (Dublin), Professor Sinclair (Belfast), and Rev. Dr. Leitch (Belfast), were re-elected to the Senate for a period of three years as representatives of the graduates.

DISPENSARY DOCTORS AND PARLIAMENTARY REPRESENTATIVES.

At a meeting of the County and City of Limerick Branch of the Irish Medical Association held on Saturday, Dr. Hayes (Rathkeale) in the chair, the following resolution was adopted: "Resolved: That the members who become candidates for Parliamentary representation of any constituency be interviewed by the resident medical gentlemen, and their co-operation solicited in favour of the redress of dispensary medical officers' grievances in the next Parliament."

GALWAY HOSPITAL.

WE have received from Dr. Colahan a long letter relating to the history of the Galway Infirmary dispute. What he mentions is already known to our readers, and it does not appear to be necessary to publish his communication. We are glad to know that all the local authorities are in favour of the new Bill, which will have the effect, if passed, of putting an end to a disastrous quarrel, and that Dr. Colahan approves of the measure.

ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS.

THE annual meeting of the Fellows of the Royal College of Surgeons was held on June 4th, Mr. Edward Hamilton in the chair. The matters referred to in the report were not of special interest, and there was a very small gathering. The proceedings were formal.—At a meeting of the Fellows on June 6th, for the election of president, vice-president, secretary, and council, the following were elected:—*President*: Edward Hamilton. *Vice-President*: Wm. Thornley Stoker. *Secretary*: Sir Charles Cameron. *Council*, in order of Fellowship seniority: Sir George Porter, Bart.; George Hugh Kidd, Rawdon Macnamara, J. Kellock Barton, Edward Hallaran Bennett, Henry Gray Croly, Philip Crampton Smyly, Henry Rosborough Swanzy, William Ireland Wheeler, Austin Meldon, William Carte, Sir Charles Alexander Cameron, Frede-

rick Alcock Nixon, Kendal Franks, Charles Bent Ball, John Benjamin Story, Henry Fitzgibbon, Arthur Henry Benson, Thomas Myles.

HOLIDAYS FOR IRISH POOR-LAW MEDICAL OFFICERS.

WE are informed that at a meeting of the Belfast Dispensary Committee, held on June 6th, it was unanimously resolved to grant their dispensary medical officers an annual holiday of fourteen days, and to pay their substitutes. The value of this favour is very much enhanced by the fact that it was a spontaneous act on the part of the committee. The precedent is a good one, and dispensary medical officers throughout Ireland will no doubt be desirous of bringing it to the notice of their respective committees wherever the practice does not exist.

DUBLIN UNIVERSITY TRICENTENARY.

THERE will be two processions on July 5th and July 7th through the streets in connection with the tricentenary celebrations of the University of Dublin. They will be composed of the members of the University and of the delegates from all universities invited to partake in the proceedings. The congratulatory addresses will be presented on July 7th. In addition to presenting the addresses the following will make short congratulatory speeches:—Sir James Paget, Great Britain and her Colonies; Professor O. C. Marsh, America; Professor A. Vambery, Austria-Hungary; Professor D'Hondt, Belgium; Professor Saxtorph, Denmark; Professor Waldeyer, Germany; Professor Tiele, Holland; Professor Gaudenzi, Italy; Professor Hagerup, Norway; Professor Wedenski, Russia; Professor Kollman, Switzerland; and the Vice-Chancellors of Oxford and Cambridge. The University of France has been asked to nominate a speaker for that country. The Senate will meet in the Theatre of Trinity College, Dublin, on Tuesday, June 14th, at 3 P.M., for the purpose of considering the graces for the tricentenary degrees.

VISITING PHYSICIANS IN IRISH LUNATIC ASYLUMS.

At a meeting of the governors of the Cork District Lunatic Asylum, held on June 7th, a report was adopted with regard to the office of visiting physician. The Board of Governors have already remonstrated very strongly against its abolition, and the committee to which the question of the rules had been referred was of opinion that a most earnest protest should be made against the existence of such a rule, coupled with a request to the Lord Lieutenant that it should be rescinded. The office of visiting physician is one to which the Board of Governors attach very high importance. Instead of doing away with such an office or curtailing the duties belonging to it, the committee was of opinion that its scope might with advantage be enlarged and the responsibilities of the holder of the office increased. The committee added that a very strong feeling existed among the general public and the friends of the lunatic poor that, in order to maintain thorough confidence in the treatment of a body of patients whose condition is so helpless and dependent, an officer from outside, such as the visiting physician, should be maintained on the permanent staff of the institution. The committee, having considered Rule 28, dealing with the duties of the resident medical superintendent, disapproved of the portion which recites that "nothing in these rules contained shall be construed to prevent the resident medical superintendent from accepting consultations in cases of mental disease, unless in the opinion of the inspectors such consultations shall interfere with the efficient supervision of the asylum." This portion of the rule the committee consider should be expunged.

THE Directors of the Russian Red Cross Society have appointed a Mahomedan lady named Bibi-Rasyja-Katlujarowa to act as a nursing sister for sick Mahomedan women in the famine-stricken districts of the Rjasan Government where typhus is raging. She is the first Mahomedan "sister" ever employed by the Society.