

In detail the proposals are as follows:—

"1. That a pre-medical year be added to the five years' course.

"2. That this pre-medical year be taken after matriculation is completed and be devoted to Physics, Chemistry, Biology and one literary subject (French or German).

"3. That the course of instruction shall include:

Physics, 3 lectures and 6 hrs. laboratory work per week.

Chemistry, 3 lectures and 6 hrs. laboratory work per week.

Biology, 3 lectures and 6 hrs. laboratory work per week.

Literary subject (French or German), 4 lectures.

Making a total of 13 lectures and 6 laboratory periods of three hours per week.

"4. That the above course may be taken at any College, University or Collegiate Institute, whose equipment and Staff meet with the approval of Toronto and McGill Universities."

At the present time preliminary education for the medical profession, so far as it is carried on in secondary schools and colleges in Canada, does not differ from that required for other professions. Junior Matriculation for the Universities is the minimum matriculation for entering Medicine. It is now proposed that after this has been completed a "pre-medical year" be devoted to Chemistry, Physics, Biology and French or German. This cannot be done to advantage at any high school, collegiate institute or secondary school in Canada. None of these has the staff and equipment that will warrant 18 hours laboratory work per week. Naturally the work indicated will not be the same as that for Senior Matriculation. It will, therefore, become necessary to take the work in the Universities. Now the work is not the same as first year work in Arts, so special classes must be formed to comply with the requirements. This will mean that Medical Faculties will have to make arrangements to supply the "pre-medical year." If the intention is to raise the standard of matriculation for Medicine, why not do so in a manner that would harmonize with the present work of the secondary schools? That would mean a minimum standard of senior matriculation in place of junior matriculation. The proposals as they stand do not appear to be practical or applicable to present conditions.