

thology, bacteriology, and histology.

"A microscope is provided for each student.

"Though the same laboratory serves for the provincial board of health, no animals are used.

"There is no museum worthy of the name, and no laboratory work in physiology or pharmacology."

"The laboratory sciences have been starved that small dividends might be paid to generally prosperous practitioners."

The so-called report concludes thus:

"The question may fairly be asked: what is the value of the Dalhousie degree in medicine, won by students whose opportunities have been provided by Halifax Medical College? The connection is, from the standpoint of Dalhousie University, highly objectionable."

At page 36 of the bulletin, the Halifax Medical College is grouped with a number of institutions of which it is said:

"It is indeed stretching terms to speak of laboratory teaching in connection with them at all."

On page 88, we read:

"Elsewhere, dissecting-rooms are indeed found, but the conditions in them defy description. The smell is intolerable; the cadavers now putrid, as at Temple University (Philadelphia), the Philadelphia College of Osteopathy, the Halifax Medical College, and in many of the Southern Schools, including Vanderbilt; again dry as tanned leather,—at the University of Tennessee, &c."

At page 139, the report, referring to the Halifax Medical College, speaks of "the disgraceful condition of the premises."

At page 325, Laval and Halifax Medical College are characterized as "feeble"; and at page 326, the Halifax

Medical College is given notice to get off the map as follows:

"At this moment the needs of the Dominion could be met by the four better English schools and the Laval department at Quebec. Toronto has practically reached the limits of efficiency in point of size; McGill and Manitoba are capable of considerable expansion. The future of Kingston is at least doubtful."

With this summing up, it will be noted that Laval at Montreal, the Western at London, Ontario, the Halifax Medical College, and possibly Kingston, are consigned to the scrap heap. According to the report they "have no present function."

The parts of the report not included in this summary deal fairly enough with the Halifax Medical College and therefore do not cast discredit upon it.

But you will all agree with me that the parts I have quoted would, if true and well-founded, constitute a severe indictment of the Halifax Medical College, and that in any case they call for the earnest consideration, not only of the College itself, but also of Dalhousie University, of the Provincial Medical Board, of the Medical Society of Nova Scotia, of the Provincial Board of Health, and, through that last body, of the Provincial Government of Nova Scotia.

But to answer all these grave charges against the Halifax Medical College is, I am glad to say a comparatively easy matter. All that is necessary is to get at the facts.

And here let me state that in proceeding to answer these charges, as I now propose, I have not been commissioned or instructed by the Medical College so to do. I did indeed inform the Executive of the College of my intention to address the Society on