

bine to make the path of the self-supporting student an exceedingly trying one.

The medical course here consists of nine semesters (courses) subsequent to matriculation. The winter semester begins on October 16th and ends on March 15th. The summer semester begins on April 1st and continues until July 31st. During the first four semesters the subjects of study are the "medical sciences"—chemistry, botany, anatomy, etc., and at the close of the fourth semester there is an examination called the *physicum*. Should a candidate fail at this test, a "consideration" is granted him, with the privilege of reappearing at the expiration of six months. The remaining five semesters are spent in clinical studies, and at the completion of the ninth semester the student is eligible for two examinations: that of the State for the license to practise, and that of the university for the degree. The former is conducted by the Government and without expense to the student, and is invariably attempted; while the latter, not being necessary for practice, and entailing an expense to the candidate of some seven hundred marks, is frequently postponed until the finances of the young practitioner are equal to the task. The matriculation fee is eighteen marks, and the fees for each semester from fifty marks upwards, according to the number of lectures and demonstrations taken. Graduates in medicine of recognized Canadian universities receive credit for six semesters upon presentation of their diploma and matriculating, after which they are required to attend three additional semesters, and then may present themselves for examination.

Between each semester there is an intermediate or vacation course, called the "*ferimcourse*," attendance upon which is not exacted by the university nor by the State. These courses are intended to meet the requirements of visiting physicians and those desirous of a brief review in the different departments of special work. The winter course begins on March 4th and continues till the 31st, and the summer course runs from September 22nd to October 31st. Fees, from thirty to seventy-five marks per subject.

No attempt is made to centralise the teaching. The clinics are widely distributed, and are reached not without considerable inconvenience; and herein is Berlin inferior to Vienna, where all the work is confined to the one institution. Some of

the best clinics are conducted in out-of-the-way places on the second flat, requiring two guides, an excellent knowledge of German and a lantern to find them; but, when discovered, they well repay the trouble. The teaching is eminently practical, as would be expected from the convenience of material which is characteristic of this country, and no pains is spared in order that the instruction may be made as interesting and impressive as possible. Clinical lectures are not infrequently illustrated by stereopticon exhibitions of sections of diseased structures, and in Lissar's skin clinic perfect representations of all well-marked cases are made in wax the first day the patient presents, so that the progress of the disease can be noticed by comparison with the primary condition as shown by the cast.

The expense of living in Berlin varies with one's tastes. Comfortable room and board ranges from one hundred to one hundred and twenty-five marks per month, fire and light extra. There are certain boarding-houses patronized by the American students. Of these resorts, possibly one of the most popular is that kept by Fraulein Seitz, No. 39 Elsasser Street—very conveniently located as to clinics and characterized by a fair knowledge of the English language and a better knowledge of Anglo-American cookery. It is very inconvenient for a freshman with little or no knowledge of the language finding himself in an hotel or *pensionnat* where his native tongue is not understood, and in this connection some of the students have rather ludicrous experiences to relate. It frequently happens that the pocket dictionary which has been carefully consulted does not give the expected result, and one is ready to certify to the truth of Mark Twain's statement, that these Germans do not understand their own language. The German hotels are excellent, and very moderate in their charges. The Central, near the Friedrich Strasse station, and the Westminster, in Unter den Linden, will afford Americans every comfort and convenience. The post-graduate students here are principally from the Middle and Eastern States, France and Russia. I have not met a Canadian graduate here, while in Vienna our graduates appear to be in the majority.

A few words to those contemplating a visit to Vienna might not be out of place. As a greater part of the best teaching there is done in classes