

or demands of individual departments. A department that persists in viewing itself as in budget or expansion competition with the others is an element of disturbance rather than of stability. The fable of the bundle of faggots, construed inversely, is nowhere more relevant than in its application to university management.

What is more, a limited number of tough sticks well chosen makes a better and more resistant bundle than a bulkier agglomeration of faggots and trivial reeds. The experienced are not liable to be impressed by the presence of the latter.

In one respect it is unfortunate that the name "biology" should bear the restricted meaning that mid-nineteenth century ^{convention}/conferred upon it. Botanists and zoologists acquired the habit of identifying biology with their particular range of subject-matter, and some real misapprehension still arises from this limitation of the meaning of the word. In McGill we succeeded in breaking with this tradition when the Biological Building was named. The favourable comment so frequently expressed by visiting strangers on our baptismal selection, derives from the unexpected discovery that biochemistry, physiology and pharmacology find their quarters there. As yet our full facilities as indicated in the composition of the institute have not been drawn upon for the deliberate and methodical training of biologists for export as well as for future service in McGill. We have at the present moment easily the most competent staff in Canada for the purpose.

Physiology is only too willing and anxious to do its part in this connexion. The anomalous feature is that in proportion to its potentialities of service it is of all the relevant departments decidedly /