

by experts, *i.e.*, by men actually engaged in teaching classics, mathematics, etc., and further insisted upon the great importance of compelling all persons purposing to study medicine, to prove their possession of a liberal education, by passing a matriculation examination before beginning their medical studies.

MEDICAL CURRICULUM.

Another subject closely allied to, although perhaps not of quite equal importance with the last, upon which the Association has from the beginning expressed emphatic opinions is the duration and character of the medical curriculum. It has invariably recommended that four full years, dating from the time of having passed the matriculation examination, should be devoted to the exclusive study of the various branches of knowledge which compose the medical curriculum, and that at least three of them should be spent at a qualified medical school. As to the character of the curriculum, it has advocated one quite as comprehensive as the curricula of the institutions of high repute in Europe—perhaps too comprehensive in some respects. There is no reason to doubt that the views and opinions expressed from year to year by this Association have had much to do in bringing about the excellent regulations affecting these matters now obtaining in the Provinces of Ontario, Nova Scotia and Quebec. And if nothing more had been effected by our Association, that, in the speaker's opinion, must be regarded as ample justification of the *raison d'être* of this Society—nay, as sufficient warrant for honest pride on the part of its founders. This will appear more evident if I remind you that no equally satisfactory provisions regulate the admission to our professions in the adjacent Republic, notwithstanding its wealth and its advanced position in all the practical sciences and arts. I venture to say that at this day, in not one of the United States, is it obligatory upon a candidate to pass an examination before a competent board as to his educational attainments prior to his entrance upon the study of medicine. And in not more than one or two of the many excellent institutions of that enlightened and prosperous country does the