

Subject of Matriculation in the Faculty of Medicine Report.

Matriculation Requirements: The matriculation requirements have become more and more exacting with the years. Up to the year 1918, these were approximately on a par with the entrance requirements for the first year of the Faculty of Arts, but not equivalent to entrance into the second year. Following upon matriculation, a five years' medical course was demanded, but the first of these years dealt in reality with premedical studies.

In 1919 the medical course was increased to six years, and the pre-medical requirements somewhat stiffened.

In 1922 pre-medical work of a special kind was demanded for one year in the college of arts, the medical course remaining at six years, with the first year devoted to advanced pre-medical work.

In 1924 conditions were changed to the status in which, to all intents and purposes, they exist at present. A minimum of two years' pre-medical work in a Faculty of Arts (including a knowledge of Physics, Chemistry and Biology) or its equivalent, was demanded, followed by five years of a purely medical course. Although this rule still obtains the competition among the number of applicants seeking admission is so great that the standards have in a sense been still further raised, and few students are now received into the Medical School without a Bachelor of Arts or Bachelor of Science degree. Of the remainder, few have had less than three years of study in a college of arts. This policy was adopted in order to conform not only to the needs of medical education, but also to the requirements of some provincial and state boards.

The McGill Medical Faculty is not in any sense a provincial school. Its scope and functions are national, nay more, its international character is obvious from the very large proportion of students who come to its halls from outside of the country, more especially from the United States.

It is worthy of note that with the increasing number of medical schools in the various provinces of Canada, and their ever greater efficiency, the students