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Arnold⁶ has recently published a paper dealing with the post-graduate medical school at Harvard, which forms a department of the University. He is of opinion that this connection with the University is an ideal arrangement, and that it is desirable that the post-graduate school and the medical school proper should constitute one and the same educational institution, with the same equipment and the same teachers.

In regard to the standard of admission to a post-graduate school it should be borne in mind that the primary object of such an establishment is to afford an opportunity to qualified practitioners of increasing their knowledge of medicine, and that the more inadequate their previous medical education has been the more do they need such an opportunity. At the same time, whilst it is not desirable to have minimum requirements for admission, it is advisable to have such requirements for the individual courses which are held, the authorities deciding which course any particular student is qualified to take.

Arnold suggests the possibility of the post-graduate schools ultimately conferring an advanced degree, above the present M.D., but this would, of course, entail more definite rules and regulations as regards requirements. The present system of granting certificates is in some respects more or less unsatisfactory, as in many cases the possession of a certificate means nothing more than that the student has paid the fees for a certain course.

Post-graduate instruction represents an important factor in medical education, in that it renders it possible to raise the standard of the physicians and surgeons who are already in practice, and thus contributes very materially to the well-being of the community in general.

I should like to revert for a few moments to the consideration of laboratory work. In this country there is at present no regular and adequate remuneration for scientific research, and it is becoming an important question as to whether or not it should be subsidised by the State. I wish very emphatically to express the opinion that there is a very urgent necessity for the establishment and endowment of laboratories, financially supported by the Government, in which any graduate in medicine can avail himself of the opportunities thus afforded. It seems to me a very unsatisfactory state of things that funds for the furtherance of scientific research should be paid to men who undertake this important work

⁶Arnold, H. D.: Boston Med. and Surg. Journ., 1913, pp. 168, 265.