

examination. It would be but a small concession and some encouragement to those who desire the full training in literature, classics, mathematics and science, which such a course affords. If there should be any looseness in connection with any of the degree-granting bodies, let there be a better supervision of these institutions and their work rather than a depreciation of the B.A. degree. It would be desirable that all seeking to enter the study of Medicine should have the preliminary education which the curriculum of the B.A. Course presumes him to possess. There will doubtless be an energetic effort on the part of the Universities of McGill, Laval and Bishop's to prevent the maturing of the attack on the B.A. Degree by the Provincial Medical Board.

The adoption of a tariff of fees is one of the items of business of the last meeting which is open to much criticism. Several attempts have been made to establish a standard of fees. The last one was so manifestly absurd in some particulars that it was disallowed by the Lieut.-Governor. The present list makes no distinction between the country and cities as the last one did, nor does the official report state it to be a minimum tariff as it was understood to be at the meeting. A schedule which takes no account of the distinction between the conditions of city and rural practice nor the patient's ability to pay must lead to greater difficulties and be a greater encouragement to litigation in regard to fees than if none existed. One of the objects aimed at was that it would prevent country practitioners and others from cutting fees in order to gain an advantage over their *confrères*. If the schedule is to be offered as a minimum tariff, some modifications will have to be made before it becomes law, as some of the items are rather high and would be sufficiently so to rank as maximum, such as five dollars for using the stomach tube, a method of treatment now so common in the treatment of affections of the stomach; consultation with a *confrère*, five dollars; microscopical examination of urine, blood or sputum, five dollars; general anæsthesia, five dollars. We cannot understand why the chemical analysis of urine should be one dollar only while its microscopical examination is five,