

financial reward. Since the war it has everywhere become harder to recruit for the primary scientific subjects among medical graduates. For local reasons, too, and notwithstanding early and oft-renewed representations on the matter, the department was limited for supply of students to the Faculties of Medicine and of Dentistry. Physiology has now at length become an open university subject at McGill. While this will distinctly help in facilitating the problem of staffing and of eventual exportation of trained teachers, it involves other important issues to which we shall immediately return.

Difficulties notwithstanding, the quality of the assistant staff has steadily and progressively improved, the difference within the space of ten years being hard to express. By now the whole department is staffed with men who look to physiology as their career. Considering how quick the students are to recognise and to respond to efficiency and heart-felt absorption on the part of their teachers, one might say that the undergraduates now find twice the interest in our laboratories and practical demonstrations that they used to. The whole spirit of the assistant teaching has altered.

Research. - An active department means a department that is productive in more respects than one. The preliminary staffing, equipping and teaching organization was a necessary task, and in the ultimate issue university salaries are paid largely in return for instructional work. Research work had next to be instituted. The erection of the Biological Building in 1922 gave to physiology an excellent suite of research quarters, but this still awaited occupation /