

I have gone to some length to show how the licensing boards impede progress. Now it shall be my effort to prove to you that, in spite of all the obstacles thrown in our way, the number of our students has steadily increased with the imposition of fresh tests and annoying regulations.

We ourselves, during the last twelve years, have instituted changes in the curriculum which have made Jordan a very much harder road to travel than it was in my time, and it really seems that the more difficult the course the more there are who wish to take it. The class of 1875-6 was the smallest in the last twenty years. It was in the spring of 1877 that the first examination in practical anatomy was held. (The students have taken a very deep interest in it ever since.) Practical chemistry followed suit, and higher marks were awarded in these two important subjects. Practical courses in microscopy, histology and pathology were established about this period. Enlargement and extension of the course has taken place in other directions. The proportion of marks qualifying for a pass was considerably raised and the tests have been increased. New subjects have been added, such as hygiene and gynecology. The whole course has been made longer by the addition of one compulsory summer session. Four complete years must be spent at college, and there are exemptions in favor of no one. But in spite of these changes, and there were not a few who thought our numbers would diminish, there has been a steadily increasing influx of students.

McGill was the first medical college on this continent to demand four complete years of study. She was the first to abolish the exemption in favour of the student who had spent his year of so-called study with a doctor, and that in favor of the bachelor of arts. And in this movement McGill is only doing what she has always done. She is leading. She did fifty years ago what some colleges are beginning to do to-day. She began her career with a matriculation examination. In the whole of the United States there is not a single college whose entrance examination is more severe than that which has always been demanded here. Very few colleges have any at all. Harvard University, which, owing