

Decrease in Enrolments, October, 1914 (as compared with preceding year).

First-year students	56 fewer
Second-year students	237 "
Third-year students	237 "
Fourth-year students	211 "
Fifth (and higher) year students	300 "

The aggregate number of medical students now pursuing their curriculum with a view to qualification is thus about 1,000 smaller than in 1913.

Unless many senior students return to their studies within the next few months, the result will be that the number of young qualified practitioners added yearly to the ranks of the profession will during the next few years be from 200 to 300 less than before. This is equivalent to a diminution of about 25 per cent. of the average number annually added to the *Medical Register* on qualification. The number annually removed from the *Register* by death or otherwise has for some years past been about 800.

In view of the additional losses among senior practitioners due directly or indirectly to the war, the prospective diminution of our reserve supply calls for serious consideration.

ALBERT VAN GEHUCHTEN.

Albert van Gehuchten, professor of anatomy, pathology and treatment of diseases of the nervous system in the University of Louvain, died in Cambridge on December 9th.

The arrival of Professor van Gehuchten, of Louvain, in Cambridge was cordially welcomed. Both on personal and scientific grounds it was felt to be not only a great privilege to receive him, but also a rich promise of help and inspiration for our schools. On the painful events which led to his visit I will say nothing except this, that both his town and country houses were burned, and with them many scripts containing records of the last ten years of his work. With a courage worthy of his great nation he restrained his grief, and in a buoyant and hopeful spirit began work anew. Yet we saw only too well how bitter were the moments when at times his grief could not be restrained.

The studentship maintained by the generosity of Dr. R. C. Brown, of Preston, at our Research Hospital happened to fall vacant, and by the assistance of Sir William Osler a like stipend was provided from the Rockefeller Fund; and, although the wards of the Research Hospital were occupied by wounded officers, the laboratory—an independent building—was placed at Professor van Gehuchten's service. In a few days it was manifest to Mr. Strangeways, and others of our circle, what a brilliant colleague we had secured. His methods were remarkably skilful and accurate, and with these opportunities his spirit and energy