

"Methods and customs here are very peculiar to a Canadian. Any person who wishes to study for a doctor's degree in chemistry must pass an examination (practical) in Qualitative, Volumetric and Gravimetric Analysis, and an oral examination afterwards. He is then given an "Arbeit" or theme.

"There are several Canadians here. Birchard, from Toronto, is working on physiological chemistry; Farmer, from Toronto, and Armstrong, from Vancouver, are studying music. There is quite an English-speaking colony in the city, and we have an English-American Episcopal Church and an American-British Interdenominational one. In our laboratory are Rutler, an Englishman, and Fink, an American from Columbia. In Hautzch's laboratory are several Englishmen. A number of Americans are to be found studying literature, etc. An institution that I find very agreeable is the American-British Students' Club. It meets fortnightly in the Fürstenhof.

"By the way, in turning over the leaves of the membership book of the Students' Club I came across the name of E. J. Williamson, and was of course immediately transported back in thought to the Old Ontario Strand."

The appointment of an insurance commission by the Dominion Government has directed the eyes of Canada, and of Queen's graduates in particular, to Judge MacTavish, of Ottawa, Senior Judge of the County of Carleton. He will be chairman of the commission. Judge Duncan Byron MacTavish was born in Osgoode, Carleton Co., Ont., April 21, 1852. He was educated in the High Schools of Metcalfe and Ottawa, and at Queen's University,

from which he graduated in 1873 with the degree of M.A. He studied law under Sir Oliver Mowat, and was called to the Bar in 1877. From 1888 to 1897 he practised his profession in Ottawa, being appointed solicitor of that city in 1892. In 1890 he was created a Q.C., and in 1896 was elected President of the Carleton Law Association. In 1897 he argued important cases for the Government before the Privy Council in England, and at the close of that year was elevated to the Bench. He may be counted on to capably fill his new position.

In a supplement to the Oxford Magazine of February 21st, are given the names and weights of the boat crews of the various colleges of the University. On Balliol I. crew we note the name of J. M. Macdonnell. Evidently Jim is continuing as at Queen's to win glory for himself in the realm of athletics.

H. M. Nimmo, B.A., '98, is at Toronto, as special representative of the Detroit, Mich., News, studying the methods of the Ontario legislature, consisting of but a single chamber, in contrast to the Michigan legislature, which has an upper chamber. An agitation is being started in that State to abolish the second chamber, and Mr. Nimmo is arraying himself with material and information to show that a State legislature has no need of such a second house.

Dr. W. H. Lavell has opened up an eye and ear surgery in the capital of Alberta, Edmonton, and reports everything flourishing.