

thorough still, if the average student had the intellectual advantage and additional mental grasp implied in a more extended course of study previous to matriculation in medicine. There can be little said against the statement, we think, that the literary standard for entrance upon a course of medical study should be much higher than that for a course in arts. In the latter case, the course after matriculation is simply a continuation of the course before it, and the mind of the student matures and gains strength along the same lines till his graduation. With medical study the case is quite different, and as things are at present an extremely exacting and arduous course of study on inductive lines is suddenly presented for assimilation to a mind usually quite untrained in the principles of inductive study, or, for the matter of that, without definite methods of study at all. The natural consequence at graduation is more or less crudity and inability "to bring knowledge into relation with fact," as some one has put it. It is to be hoped for many reasons that the standard for registration with the Council as a student may soon be raised, gradually perhaps, but substantially.

A GOOD move certainly on the part of the Education Committee was to render compulsory for students registering after this date attendance upon one summer session of ten weeks. It is said that there is a likelihood of two such sessions being exacted shortly, and that some Primary as well as Final work will be ordered for the summer. This will not only relieve the pressure under which the winter sessions are carried on, but will be of great advantage in a practical way, as clinical instead of didactic teaching will be the main object aimed at.

SOME valuable additions have just been made to the staff at Trinity Medical School. In Dr. Ryerson's department, D. J. G. Wishart is to be assistant lecturer and demonstrator, with Dr. T. M. Hardie as lecturer on the use of the laryngoscope, rhinoscope, ophthalmoscope, and other instruments used by the specialist in that line. In the department of Anatomy, assistants

in the dissecting room have been appointed, Dr. Gilbert Gordon, Dr. R. E. Walker, Dr. Winnett, and Dr. Watson. The appointment of Dr. Spilsbury also will add to the efficiency of a staff already carefully chosen, not for high standing in their post-graduate courses only, but for their special abilities and training as teachers.

THE Summer Session at the College, which has been unusually successful this year, comes to a close on the first of July. The practical work of the course consisted of bed-side clinics by Drs. Grasett and Sheard, theatre clinics by Dr. Bingham, and out-door clinics by Dr. T. S. Covernton. In addition, the students had an opportunity of witnessing and assisting at numerous operations performed by the staff. Drs. Sheard, Bingham and Covernton supplemented this by an exceedingly practical course of lectures and demonstrations at the College. We notice that attendance at this popular course of summer work has now been made compulsory by the Council.

## Personal.

At a recent meeting of the Corporation the following additions to the Teaching Faculty were made:—

Dr. D. J. Gibb Wishart—Assistant to Dr. Ryerson.

Dr. E. A. Spilsbury—Instructor in Rhinology and Laryngology.

Dr. I. M. Hardie—Instructor in the use of the various appliances in diseases of the Eye, Ear, Nose and Throat.

Drs. G. Gordon, J. A. Watson, F. Winnett and R. Eden Walker—Assistants in the department of Practical Anatomy.

We congratulate these gentlemen, and also the College, on the appointments.

A GIVE AWAY.—*She*.—"All extremely bright men are awfully conceited anyway. *He*.—"Oh, I don't know; I'm not."—*Lampoon*.

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