

the work required for the fifth year. In the Council's announcement we find the following:—"The fifth year shall be devoted to *clinical* work, six months of which may be spent with a registered practitioner in Ontario, and six months at one or more public hospitals, dispensaries or laboratories devoted to Physiological or Pathological research." It will be observed that according to these requirements it is not compulsory for a student to devote any portion of his fifth year to the study of Pathology, and the subject of Bacteriology is not even mentioned. The requirements for the final examination, as prescribed by the Council and held at the end of the fifth year, make no mention of either Pathology or Bacteriology further than the presentation of a certificate of having attended 25 demonstrations on Pathology. Compare the Council's requirements as to these two subjects and their requirements with in our opinion the vastly less important subject of Chemistry.

Chemistry—Eighteen months of study.

Pathology and Bacteriology—No time of study absolutely required, except as stated above.

Chemistry—A special examination.

Pathology and Bacteriology—Grouped with Therapeutics for examination purposes.

Surely in the interests of scientific medical education the Council can devise some plan whereby more importance will be attached to these two essentials of a modern medical education. Our suggestion is to cut off some of the time now devoted to less important subjects, such as Chemistry, and give the time to Pathology and Bacteriology. By this means the curriculum will be modernized and improved, and the student not unduly burdened.

These suggestions are not made in a spirit of fault-finding, but with the sole desire to call the attention of the members of the Council to what we consider as defects in the present curriculum, and in the hope that these defects may be remedied and the students thus be relieved of unnecessary work and enabled to devote their time to those subjects which are of primary importance.