

## PART XIV.

### COLLEGE PHYSICIAN.

*The President of The Ontario Agricultural College :*

SIR,—A few days ago I received from you a communication requesting me to present my report for the year now ending. In performing this duty I need not make any observations to you on the marked increase of attendance at the College, with its consequent addition to the work of the physician.

You are aware that during the early part of the year the weather was exceptionally severe, and that in this section of the Province at least an unusual proportion of the population suffered from sickness, and that this condition of the public health applied to the College. In addition to the minor accidents and the many forms of slight ailments with which we had to deal, I regret to say that there occurred among the students a number of cases of rather grave illness, requiring treatment in the hospitals of this city, where under the excellent nursing of these worthy institutions all recovered: I might mention among such cases, one of pneumonia, one of severe septicaemia, one of appendicitis, and one of fracture of lower jaw.

On the occasion of my annual inspection of the College premises I noted with pleasure the improvement in the heating of the more exposed bed rooms which are further protected from cold by outside or storm windows with an aperture in the bottom of the sash for purpose of ventilation. In these rooms the warmth is now all that can be desired, but I am not sure that the ventilation is adequate.

Another matter concerning the health of the students came under my notice at that time. I refer to the condition of the swimming bath—to the need that exists there, for renewal of the present flooring or its replacement by something more suitable, for some means of preventing students from coming in contact with the heating pipes and for improved ventilation and admission of more light. In my opinion, swimming as an exercise is not fully appreciated and should be encouraged, and in connection with this matter I respectfully suggest that there be placed in conspicuous places about the bath illustrations of the best means of rescuing the drowning and resuscitating the apparently drowned.

In closing my report I am glad to say that the general sanitary condition of the College is excellent.

Respectfully yours,

W. O. STEWART,

College physician.

GUELPH, Dec. 30, 1899.