

The Cost of a Medical Education.

A MEDICAL missionary should be at least as thoroughly prepared for practice as any one who purposes practising in a Christian country. It has been proven by sad failures that a hurried medical training will not do for the mission field, where a man has to deal with disease in its most acute and chronic stages without consultation. It is, therefore, absolutely necessary for medical missionaries to train thoroughly. All boards and medical missionaries agree in recommending that the medical missionary should take a full course such as our practitioners in Canada are forced by the law of the land to take.

The medical course requires four years' study. The college session is eight months in each year. It is very desirable that the summer vacation in the first college year should be spent in a drug store, and that of the second year with a practising physician or surgeon, and if possible the vacation after the third college session is best spent in a hospital.

The cost of the college session cannot be reduced, under ordinary circumstances, below one thousand dollars.

Fees for lectures (\$100 for each year).....	\$400 00
Hospital fees (Toronto General).....	34 00
" " Burnside (Lying-in).....	8 00
Registration fee.....	5 00
Primary examination.....	10 00
Final examination.....	14 00
Books and instruments, etc., from.....	70 00 to \$170
Board for those studying for medical missions may be had for \$100 for eight months..	400 00
Sundries per year \$25.00.....	100 00
	\$1,041 00

Clothing and summer expenses may be added if the student cannot earn money during the four months of vacation.

The above reckoning is based upon the expenses of attending Trinity Medical College, Toronto, for four years without missing an examination on the one hand or taking a prize on the other. By the strictest economy in board and incidentals, it is possible to graduate at a cost of one thousand dollars.

Many advantages and comforts, to say nothing of pleasures, can be added with great profit by allowing \$25 to \$50 more to the expenses of each year.

Canadian Methodist Medical Missionaries who Have Sailed.

OUR Church is not wanting in that Christlike spirit which prompts young men and women to prepare themselves by medical training for efficient service in the mission field. The following are those, as far as we know at present, who are now in the mission field. Note that not all are laboring under our own Church; also the number of different missionary fields represented. If any others are known to any reader, kindly give us the facts.

Dr. James Hall graduated from Queen's Medical College, Kingston, eight or ten years ago. After working for

a time in connection with a New York city mission, he went to Korea, where he spent several years of "labors abundant," and died during the recent Chinese-Japanese war, as a result of overwork in the care of wounded soldiers.

Dr. Omar Kilborn, M.A., took his degree in medicine in Kingston about nine years ago. He left for China in 1890, where he is now laboring in the Province of Sze Chuen (Western China), under the Canadian Methodist Church, being supported by the Leagues of the Toronto East District.

Dr. Retta Gifford graduated in medicine from the Women's Medical College, Toronto, in 1891. She was sent by the Woman's Missionary Society to Western China. Shortly after arrival she became the wife of Dr. Omar Kilborn, retaining, however, her connection with the Woman's Missionary Society. She and her husband passed through the riots in 1895. They are expected to reach Canada about Christmas for a fully-merited furlough.

Dr. Avison was for several years a much respected and beloved Professor in Toronto School of Medicine, having also a large and lucrative practice in the city. About 1894 "he forsook all" to obey an unmistakable call to the foreign mission field. He applied to our own Board for an appointment, but owing to lack of funds was not accepted. Undaunted, he applied elsewhere, until he was sent to Korea, where he is now laboring under the Presbyterian Church.

Dr. F. J. Livingstone, B.A., is a graduate of Trinity Medical College, Toronto. Three years ago he was sent by the Albert College Missionary Society (Belleville), to Africa, where he is now laboring. He is now supported by the British Government.

Dr. C. R. Woods took his course in Bishop's Medical College, Montreal. He is another instance of one who applied to our Board, and who, because of insufficiency of money, had to apply for appointment elsewhere. He has been laboring in India for several years under the Canada Presbyterian Church.

Rev. W. E. Smith, M.D., was sent out to Western China by our own Board two years ago. He at the present time is in charge of the hospital at Chentu.

Dr. Hardy, a graduate of Toronto School of Medicine, has labored in Korea about seven years under the Canadian Colleges' Mission.

Mr. George Brown, son of a minister of the Toronto Conference, having completed two years of study in Trinity Medical College, went to South America about three years ago to finish his medical training, that he might be legally qualified to practice in that needy country.

Rev. R. B. Ewans, M.D., graduated from the McGill University in 1897. After receiving ordination, he sailed for Western China, where he arrived in safety about one year ago. He is supported by the Wesleyan Theological College and by the Leagues of Montreal District.

Rev. J. A. Jackson, S.T.L., M.D.C.M., is a graduate of Trinity Medical College. Our Board sent him last year to work among the Indians of British Columbia, the Leagues of Toronto Central District undertaking his support. After one year of incessant toil—overwork, in fact—he was forced to return to his home in Toronto, where he now lies seriously ill.

Drs. W. T. Rush and R. W. Large graduated from Trinity Medical College in 1897. They were sent last summer to labor among the Indians of British Columbia.