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The degree of LL.D. was conferred upon Dr. Edward Albert Schäfer, Professor of Physiology in the University of Edinburgh. Dr. Schäfer then delivered an address.

Dr. Roddick gave the sessional address, which was as follows:—

“The total number of students registered in the Faculty of Medicine for the session 1907-08 was 348, 12 of whom were dental students and 12 post-graduate students. This number was made up as follows: First Year, 64, (4 dental students;) Second Year, 104 (3 dental students); Third Year, 78, (1 dental student); Fourth Year, 90, (4 dental students). Graduates in attendance, 12; total, 348.

“Included in the first year are nine students who had registered in the double course for the degree of B.A., M.D., two years previous to the change in the Medical Curriculum to five years; it was therefore found necessary to provide for them a first year, under the old four-year regulation.

“As to the different provinces and countries from which our students have come: there were from Ontario, 74; Quebec, 75; New Brunswick, 28; Prince Edward Island, 30; United States, 45; West Indies, 20; Newfoundland, 4; Nova Scotia (including Cape Breton), 34; British Columbia, 22; Manitoba, 4; Northwest Territories, 6; England, 3; Scotland, 1; Ireland, 1; Yukon Territory, 1.

“Compared with other years this shows a falling off in numbers, due, in the main, to two causes, viz., the destruction of our building by fire in April of last year, and the establishment this session of the fifth year. The impression got abroad, especially in the West, that, owing to the fire, our facilities for teaching would be limited. Fortunately, that part of the building containing the chief laboratories was only partly destroyed, and was restored in time for the opening of the session in September last; so that while the work in some of the departments was hampered, it was in no case very seriously affected.

“I am pleased to be in a position to report that the plans have been accepted and ground has been broken for the new Faculty building, on the land kindly donated by Lord Strathcona; extending between University Street on the east, Carleton Road on the west, and Pine Avenue on the north. The architects promise that the new laboratory wing, containing the anatomical, pathological, and dental departments, and the administration building, with library, lecture theatres, etc., will be quite ready for occupation in September, 1909. Nothing will be left undone to make it one of the most complete medical buildings on this continent,—or, indeed, anywhere.