

*Medical Education in Nova Scotia.* In December, 1867, a meeting of Medical men in Halifax was convened and, after full consideration of the desirability of establishing a Medical School in that city, it was decided that a course of lectures should be given during the coming summer, and that Dalhousie University should be asked to recognize the course thus given. In 1868 the first annual announcement was issued and the School was definitely recognized as the Medical Faculty of Dalhousie University. The Hon. W. J. Almon, M.D., was its first presiding officer. The intention at first was simply to supply a preparatory course of instruction, and the granting of degrees was not proposed. But in 1870 it was decided to fill the final chairs and to establish a regular full course of from four to six months' sessions, and in future to grant the degrees of M.D., C.M. During the following session of 1870-1, 26 students were in attendance, and in 1872 the first graduates (5) were sent out.

In 1875 the Faculty erected a new building near the Provincial and City Hospital and the Poor Asylum. In order to secure the definite ownership of its property, it separated from the University, and obtained an Act of Incorporation as "Halifax Medical College." The College was empowered to grant degrees in Medicine and Surgery and the Allied Sciences. In 1876 the College sent out its first two graduates under its new name. In 1877 it became affiliated with the University of Halifax which the Legislature had constituted as a Provincial University and which examined candidates and conferred degrees in the various Faculties. This University lasted only a few years. Matters went on nicely till 1885 when a Hospital difficulty arose which ended in the resignation of the entire Hospital staff—and this led to the Medical College closing for a time. Just prior to this difficulty, the College had become affiliated with Dalhousie University, which institution gave the instruction in general and practical Chemistry and in Botany, to the students. To these subjects Physiology was added and the course was given by the teacher of that subject in the Medical College.

It was hoped that the Hospital difficulty would be settled, and the regular full Medical College work soon resumed. At length, in 1887-8, the School re-opened for instruction in the primary branches only. In 1889-90 the trouble was so far arranged to as admit of teaching in the final branches being recommended—and the class that year numbered nineteen in all. Since that time the progress has been uninterrupted and the class has grown so large that soon, a good number of students were in attendance. The Government of the Province had given a small grant to the Medical College, to retain which, the affiliation with Dalhousie University had to be given up, and the Faculty reverted therefore to the former independent position. Dalhousie University appointed the Examiners in all Medical subjects, and the Medical students of the College have, since 1890, gone up to the University for their Examinations and degrees. Associated with the Medical Faculty of the College is a Faculty of Pharmacy, but few Druggists have as yet gone up for their degrees. As a rule they take the examinations of the Pharmaceutical Association.