

Advice to intending Students.

In making this the twenty-second annual announcement the Faculty have much pleasure in informing intending students that important improvements will be made before the opening of the session with a view to afford better facilities for practical pathology and microscopic work, and for the teaching of proper methods of holding Post Mortem examinations, as well as experiments and general laboratory work.

We would respectfully ask intending students to consider well before deciding to enter on the study of a scientific Profession whether or not they are in every way fitted for it, it is a serious matter for a young man to decide, his whole future depends upon a judicious selection, and having decided, it is his duty to himself as well as to his adopted profession to endeavour to obtain the best education possible. We would ask him to reflect on whether or not, a young man can possibly, by any means of teaching, attain to any degree of proficiency in the various scientific studies which should form the curriculum of a course of study in veterinary science in two short sessions? Obtain an honest answer to the above question from any of those who have tried it, and they will inform you that it is impossible. What then must be the inevitable result of a short and inefficient course of study, but a blighted life, bitter disappointment, a want of success, and an early abandonment of the profession. Truly "there is no royal road to learning" unfortunately there are quick methods of obtaining veterinary Diplomas, but beware of attaching value to a certificate of qualification which you do not possess.

The matriculation examination which you have to undergo (see page) is by no means a severe one, and if you are not prepared to pass it, you should begin at once to improve your education. A higher standard should be required, but in the face of students being admitted elsewhere without reference to education, even this simple examination deters many.

You are better not to commence professional reading till you have become familiar with the fundamental subjects, and practice unless under the direction of a thoroughly qualified practitioner is more likely to mislead than help you. It is advisable that you should arrive here not later than the opening day, so as to give you time to procure suitable boarding rooms. Endeavour by all means to be present at the opening lectures on all subjects, you cannot miss one lecture without losing thereby valuable elementary information. If possible come prepared to procure at once the necessary text and note books, and make your arrangements so as to be able to devote your entire time and undivided attention to your studies.