

of academic botanists. We have therefore stressed the pure science aspects largely to the exclusion of applied botany. This was in harmony also with the presence of Macdonald College, the purpose of which has been to stress the applied botanical directions of work. We have furthermore laid great importance upon the prosecution of research and this research has been carried on largely in the field of physiology, but to some extent in other parts of the science, and occasionally as researches in applied botany in connection with the important questions of lake and river water levels and in connection with the culture of bananas and rubber. In addition, more recently, research in connection with the pulp and paper industry has been prosecuted chiefly by Professor Scarth and Mr. Gibbs. This work seems to be highly appreciated by the people of the pulp and paper industry. The department has also had a measurable duty to perform in training advanced students for botanical work, and as a result as many professional botanists have been turned out as could be absorbed by the country. It has always been a guiding principle to keep in close touch with the Dominion Botanist in order to be informed as to the possible opportunities open for our students.

THE FUTURE.

It is, we believe, generally true that the developments of a department will normally follow an asymptotic curve, unless in the course of events one or more disturbing factors enter in. Such disturbance occurred after the close of the Great War. During the period following until the present moment a new curve of growth has been followed. It would seem that we now face a possible additional crisis in affairs which may have the effect of starting, not only in this department but in its sister departments in McGill University, still another curve of growth. It has seemed