

neighbouring Province of Ontario a somewhat similar regulation has come into force. Here the fortunate holder of a degree in Arts may obtain his medical diploma at the end of the fourth year. Others have to wait an additional year. The Council is to be congratulated on the endeavour thus made to improve the quality of the medical student. But with regard to the additional year, besides entailing hardship upon poor men, it will be lost time in the great majority of cases. In the first place, graduates of limited means who cannot afford to go abroad will have difficulty in finding practitioners willing or able to take them. The newly-fledged, even though he may not be able yet to flaunt a sheepskin, is looked upon now-a-days usually with feelings akin to horror by the staid old country doctor, to whom the new fads are unknown. The latter has a constant dread of being discounted by the new comer, and hence he would usually prefer to have no dealings with him. Thus in many cases—perhaps a majority—will this additional year be made to count for naught. It is to be hoped, therefore, that the Medical Council of Ontario will adopt other means of improving the curriculum without extending the time for medical study.

The Medical Faculty of Medical University will, in all probability, soon demand two summer sessions—one between the first and second years, the other, which has been in operation for some time, between the third and final years. The time thus spent will be practically equivalent to an additional year.

Our American neighbours are at last awaking to the great necessity for reform in the matter of medical education. Two or three of their Universities have always been in the advance guard, but the rank and file have been far in the rear. The University of Harvard and of Pennsylvania, the Jefferson Medical School, and the College of Physicians and Surgeons of New York have all recently extended their medical curriculum to four years. These will doubtless soon be followed by others throughout the Union.

Medical women have evidently come to stay. In some parts they have received a hearty welcome. In this conservative old city they were obliged to wander about for a very long time