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OPPORTUNITIES IN MEDICINE

It is well known among medical men that the Carnegie Report of two years ago, places Canadian Universities high in the category of American medical schools. This is the reason why Canadians have little difficulty in securing excellent posts in the large hospitals of the United States. About twenty Toronto graduates go each year across the line.

It is interesting to note in this connection the rapidity with which the field for graduates in medicine is opening up. Twenty years ago there were about five posts open each year in Toronto, five years ago there were ten, whereas to-day there are quite thirty. In addition, there are thirteen fellowships and demonstratorships in the University obtainable by students. Most of these, like the hospital appointments, are worth \$500 a year.

These opportunities are due largely to the development of laboratory departments in the Medical faculty, five of which have opened in the last nine years.

Doubtless this expansion will go on, and medical men from Varsity will have less and less difficulty in getting both practice and financial returns during the opening stages of their professional career.

OUR THANKS TO MCGILL

Through an inadvertence, an acknowledgement of the exceptionally fine Christmas Number of The McGill Daily was omitted from our first issue of the term on Friday last. The Staff of The Daily are to be congratulated on their splendid effort, which embodies eight pages of reading matter and an illustrated supplement of four pages. There are special articles about the University and its wonderful growth, and some extremely clever original literary efforts. One, by Professor Leacock is distinctly a treat. Photographs of the Governors, Buildings, Student Executives, and Teams are reproduced in the illustrated section.

We are highly appreciative of the prominence given to the picture of our football team, and for the generous reference to our stalwarts.

The spirit of good sportsmanship, of purest amateurism, and of broad fellowship is contained in the following extract from The Daily, and we can assure McGill men that they have not only our concurrence, but our enthusiastic support, in what they are upholding as the ideal:

"... the real feature of these two great games (with Varsity) and the real feature of the Queen's games was the sportsmanlike spirit exhibited throughout. Leading Universities can do much to raise and maintain the tone and courtesy of sport. Here's to the football champions of Canada—the worthy standard bearers of the Intercollegiate League! May the genuine spirit of amateurism ever remain the guiding genius of University Athletics in Canada! May this spirit extend to outside athletics, lending itself as a criterion to be emulated rather than a chimerical folly to be ridiculed!"

CORRESPONDENCE

BIENNIAL EXAMINATIONS.

To the Editor of Varsity:

Sir:—There have been rumours from time to time that there are those on the staff of the University who would like to see biennial examinations substituted for the present system of annual ones. It is thought that final examinations at the end of the 2nd and 4th years only would lead to the students adopting a method of study different to that prevalent at present. The first years work must be grasped and assimilated at the time, if the student is to have a good grip upon his subject at the end of two years, especially since a four month's vacation intervenes.

To the professors this may seem a strong reason for desiring biennial examinations. The students, however, would welcome the change for a similar, yet very different reason. Such a reform, it seems to them must force a different treatment by the lecturers of the subjects studied in some of the courses. This is especially true of the modern language course. At present most of the lecture hours are spent in reading the prescribed texts; the attainment of 1st class honours is the reward of a good memory. The philosophy of the people whose literature is being studied, their life and thought, the significance of an author's position in his country's development, all these are lightly touched upon in a rapid course in the history of the literature; and that is all. Several of Goethe's finest works are read—as textbooks! Imagine "King Lear" put to such a use. What graduate in Modern Languages knows Goethe as the Germans know Shakespeare? Surely, if we were to be examined at the end of a two-years period, the translation of the prescribed texts would be considered merely the necessary foundation upon which to build real work in the literature of other countries—the models of style to inspire a real appreciation of the idiom of foreign tongues.

Again such a reform in the examination system must, we hope, force a simplification of some of the courses. How can any second year student grapple with honour Greek, Latin, English, and History, and get any good whatever from three pass subjects in addition? Why the history of Mediaeval Europe alone is a subject that might well occupy a sophomore's full attention, if its treatment is to mean real understanding of a period so foreign to our modern democratic minds. Four honour subjects in themselves tax all the powers of even the most brilliant. For the most, the work must be superficial, when so much is attempted.

And so it is from the fond hope that biennial examinations will render impossible the present disheartening state of things, that some, at least of the students look forward with such eagerness to a change. Indeed we only hope it may come soon.

ONLOOKER'S CORNER

Did you ever pick up McLean's Magazine and then throw it down again? The question holds good for any Canadian fictional publication. There is no literary journal in Canada that can stand for a moment against American journals of the same sort. And this is indeed a sad state of affairs, because the magazines are the practice-fields where 'legitimate' literature trains its muscle. It is time the University took up the development of active literature, and examined for flaws its machinery of passive learning and composition.

One of the queerest, grotesque adventures a man can have is in the reading of a Canadian novel. Few of these books concern themselves with the spirit of Canada, which is primitive. They are content only to rake over some mawkish problem that pertains to an aging and blase civilization. Our novelist, to misquote Stephen Leacock, mounts his Pegasus, and rides madly off in all directions.

And our poets—Oho, our poets! You can guess with considerable accuracy the particular volume of Tennyson, of Wordsworth, or of Browning that leaned open against the back-shed wall as our poet composed. The idea is to take lines at random from different works, and to shake 'em together. According to this method, I could win immortal fame as a children's author, if I had a mind to, by utilizing 'Little Miss Muffet,' 'Little



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THE ONLOOKER.

Harvard is planning a new music building. An alumnus has offered to donate \$80,000.

"The University Missourian" issued three editions in twenty-four hours on the day of the Kansas football game.

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The College is a Government institution, designed primarily for the purpose of giving instruction in all branches of military science to cadets and officers of the Canadian Militia. In fact it corresponds to Woolwich and Sandhurst.

The Commandant and military instructors are all officers on the active list of the Imperial army, lent for the purpose, and there is in addition a complete staff of professors for the civil subjects which form such an important part of the College course. Medical attendance is also provided.

Whilst the College is organized on a strictly military basis the cadets receive a practical and scientific training in subjects essential to a sound modern education.

The course includes a thorough grounding in Mathematics, Civil Engineering, Surveying, Physics, Chemistry, French and English.

The strict discipline maintained at the College is one of the most valuable features of the course, and, in addition, the constant practice of gymnastics, drills, and outdoor exercises of all kinds, ensures health and excellent physical condition.

Commissions in all branches of the Imperial service and Canadian Permanent Force are offered annually.

The diploma of graduation, is considered by the authorities conducting the examination for Dominion Land Surveyor to be equivalent to a university degree, and by the Regulations of the Law Society of Ontario, it obtains the same examinations as a B.A. degree.

The length of the course is three years, in three terms of 9½ months each.

The total cost of the course, including board, uniform, instructional material, and all extras, is about \$800.

The annual competitive examination for admission to the College, takes place in May of each year, at the headquarters of the several military districts.

For full particulars regarding this examination and for any other information, application should be made to the Secretary of the Militia Council, Ottawa, Ont.; or to the Commandant, Royal Military College, Kingston, Ont.

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