

come to the conclusion that the above course of preliminary study will prove suitable in every way, and acceptable to the student, the teacher, and the public alike.

To remove any doubt as to the interpretation to be given to regulation 1 of section 1 of the regulations of the Medical Council for 1902-3, it was recently decided by the executive committee that the standard of admission for 1903 shall be the same as for 1902, and for 1904 and subsequently the standard of admission shall be either:—

(1) Junior matriculation in arts, including physics and chemistry with honor standing in any one subject of the course, or

(2) Senior matriculation in arts as now provided by regulation 2, section 1.

As the changes now announced will not come into operation until 1904, there will be ample opportunity for their discussion and amendment if necessary at the coming meeting of the Medical Council next June.

### THE ANNUAL MEDICAL DINNERS.

THESE annual banquets of the medical students and the members of the teaching staffs of the medical colleges are now regarded as among the most important and noteworthy of the many functions of the social life of Toronto, and many other cities. At these gatherings there is a union of teacher, student and graduate on terms of intimate friendship, which must redound to the benefit of the College, whose friends thus assemble round the festive board. The banquets of this year were not less memorable than those of former years.

One of the features of the speeches at each of the banquets was the decided tone of loyalty in each case towards the respective colleges. It was a case of we have a worthy alma mater and we shall prove ourselves worthy sons. He who is a worthy alumnus of his college will be a worthy son of his country, and we rejoice in this strong spirit of college loyalty. The *esprit de corps* of college life becomes the *esprit de corps* of national life. The graduates of these colleges are now a numerous body, and many of them have no small degree of influence in their various localities, while some have acquired a fair amount of wealth. It would not be a difficult task for the alumni of these colleges to do something of a substantial character in aid of the scientific branches of medical study. To endow the chairs in anatomy, physiology and pathology, would be a worthy object for the alumni to keep constantly before their minds.