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Dr. Martin's Suggestion to Substitute Departmental Meetings
for Meetings of the Associate Faculty.

At a meeting of the Faculty in June, Dr. Martin gave notice that at the first meeting of the Faculty in October 1920, he would move that in future meetings of Departments be substituted for meetings of the Associate Faculty. It was requested that each member be furnished with a statement of the reasons for this suggested change.

The suggestions, initiated by some members of the Associate Faculty, are based on the following data: -

The Associate Faculty, (consisting of all teachers not on the Executive Faculty), was organized some years ago for the purpose of discussing problems of medical education, and the general welfare of all departments, (I quote from the Constitution). The By-laws read that there shall be monthly meetings. Their two representatives sit on the Faculty, and are supposed to present the views of the facultette, and to vote according to its wishes.

It would seem to be a fundamental error to ask a body of junior teachers to meet together for the purpose of discussing medical education and presenting their views to the Faculty periodically, when such a body carries with it no responsibility whatsoever.

It is also conceivable that such a body of men gathering together, might easily be so constituted at a particular meeting as only to present the views of one special teaching group.

Here in McGill University, where two hospitals exist, it is apt to accentuate rather than obliterate hospital differences,- a condition of affairs which the Faculty is constantly endeavouring to avoid.

Moreover, the existence of such an organization justifies itself