

and if necessary supervise the running of the home meantime. Such a service as this, if duly recognized and under supervision of the central governing body, would undoubtedly attract many capable young women into its ranks and would be of the utmost value as a force in regard to public health and in the alleviation of suffering and disease.

It may not be amiss to venture the hope that in the immediate future some scheme will be evolved for inaugurating such a course as will provide an effective force of such workers.

If it comes to pass, as it certainly should, that every young man in Canada will be obliged to undergo a short period of physical and military training, so also should every young woman be required to take some prescribed course of training as a nurse.

Medical education in Ontario is, generally speaking, being maintained at a high standard. During the period of the war its progress was to some extent interrupted, or at least subjected to vacillations.

Within the past year important changes have been made at the Provincial University, and particularly in the department of medicine in the appointment of a full time professor and the reorganization of the whole department under his supervision, not only in the university but in the Toronto General Hospital as well. It is as yet too early to judge the results of this plan and its pursuit will be watched with intense interest.

It has been strongly suggested that a similar plan should be followed in the reorganization of the department of surgery and in that of obstetrics and gynaecology but many are inclined to think that there is not the same need for a full time professor in these departments and that reorganization with elaboration of the system in vogue before the war would be productive of satisfactory results. No doubt further developments will depend largely upon the acquisition of greater financial resources through increased governmental support and contributions likely to be received through the generosity of the Rockefeller Foundation, which body have recently set aside a substantial sum of money for the furtherance of medical education in Canada.

For some time it has been felt that clinical work has suffered somewhat on account of the large amount of attention demanded by laboratory work but it is gratifying to note that at present there is a greater tendency to get back to clinical research and to make the laboratory its chief adjunct, thus encouraging students to use all the senses with which they are endowed and to supplement and corroborate with laboratory methods.