

per cent. the combined Science course, which permits the candidate to defer till the close of the first year the selection of the graduating department in Science in which he proposes to go out, about 7 per cent. in each of the departments of Mathematics, Physics and Political Science, while a smaller percentage are entering Classics and Philosophy. On the whole it would appear that the students whose minds are made up as to their future professions have evidently selected with care courses bearing more or less directly thereon.

If space permitted I should be glad to advert to more distant parts of our prospect, to the circumstance, e. g., that increasing numbers in lecture room and laboratory point to the necessity of increased accommodation; to a prospective summer session which may perform many useful functions in the University, such as aiding, e. g., the unfortunate student to whose wagon a "star" is hitched; but these topics may afford material for a future article.

I shall conclude with the hope that, while there will no doubt be friendly rivalry between the different Colleges in scholarship and athletics, every effort will yet be made by the Varsity, the Union and other University Societies to promote good fellowship between the undergraduates of all Colleges and all Faculties.



The Faculty of Medicine

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No university can afford to discard a Faculty of Medicine, and our own Alma Mater is, of course, no exception. It cannot, indeed, be denied that a Medical Faculty gains a great deal by being an integral part of a university in spite of the loss to some extent of the autonomy of the purely voluntary medical school. But the gain is reciprocal. The addition of a staff of at least sixty, exclusive of those teaching the medical students on the Arts side in Chemistry, Physics, Biology and Physiology, and of at least six hundred students, must add greatly to the strength of our own University. And this, not only because numbers count, but for other reasons. All of the staff proper belong to a profession which has a history and ideals which, at least, tend to develop a good type, and mean work and progress, if for no other reason than that Medicine touches all other sciences. There is, too, a community of interest and of sentiment which tells insensibly and keeps alive a proper and healthy ambition on the part of the individual and the body, to stand well and not to be outdone, the wholesome discontent with to-day and the purpose that to-morrow shall be better. Add to this, let me say, advisedly, a loyalty on the part of the Faculty of Medicine which does not begrudge personal sacrifice for the common good. In proof of which one need only point to the action of the Faculty four years ago in its successful effort to secure a new building and provide for its share of the cost, upwards of \$1,000,000.00, by an annual tax of over \$5,000.00. It is plain, therefore, that the heart-beat of University life must be made the quicker and stronger by virtue of its influence. There can be no doubt also of the great and growing reflex benefit to their Alma Mater of the lively personal interest in her welfare on the part of the hundreds going out on the medical side, an earnest of

which was given last year by the contribution of upwards of \$4,000.00 to the Convocation Hall Fund by the students of the Faculty of Medicine. One need hardly go into details here in proof of progress in methods and work, but two or three instances in point may be cited: The aim of the Faculty has been to reduce rather than increase the hours of set lectures. It has desired for years e. g., to curtail those upon *Materia Medica* proper, feeling that the old-time treatment of the subject had become wasteful and irksome. In the new order of things begun this session, the course upon crude drugs per se gives place largely to the experimental study of the physiological and toxic effects of their active principles carried out in the Laboratory and to special practical instruction in the qualities and use of drugs singly and in combination.

A recent advance made possible by the fine suite of laboratories in the department of Physiology housed in the new Medical building, is practical instruction in physiological chemistry by Professor A. B. Macallum; and the securing of much better facilities for teaching experimental physiology. Professor Ramsay Wright, also, thereby gains more room for needed expanse in the important department of biology, etc. The new course of experimental physics in charge of Professor McLennan will be a distinct and welcome advance in the practical study of the subjects it embraces.

The new B. & P. course, which enables one to secure B. A. and M. B. in six years, while safeguarding the former degree, will prove a boon to those who wish to gain the distinct advantages afforded by the double course. It is a step towards the point to be kept in view and which has been reached in a very few institutions, a compulsory B. A.

The outlook: That the Faculty two years ago had reason to felicitate itself, at the end of its fifteenth year, was shown by its new building nearing completion and by the unexpectedly large increase of students, and the success of its graduates, not a few of whom had won good positions in Johns Hopkins, Chicago, Cornell, and other Universities and institutions. Then, still greater promise of a successful future lies in the union with it last year of the Trinity Medical Faculty—as a result of federation—with a harmony and cordiality most noteworthy, adding largely to its strength by virtue of its personnel and of the status and numbers of its alumni. Last year a post-graduate course was begun, and it will be carried on, the large staff permitting of special instruction to practitioners who wish to perfect themselves. A thorough and most practical fifth-year course also was instituted last year, and will doubtless prove increasingly acceptable and useful. Research work has been aimed at as a valuable feature, and in this connection it is most gratifying to record the thoughtful generosity of Mr. P. C. Larkin and his interest in the work and success of the Faculty, in supplying a fund to perpetuate a Research Scholarship which had been in force for several years. There are also available the George Brown Memorial Research Scholarship, and the Starr Medals, with doubtless others to follow. The recent munificent gift of \$100,000 by Mr. Cawthra Mulock to provide for an outpatient hospital, with the special proviso that it shall be utilized for clinical teaching, has caused