

The medical examination should be repeated at the end of the course, which might well extend over two years in the case of the professional schools, and over the fourth year in the academic department.

The introduction of such a system is facilitated by the free use of various means for modifying the work to fit special cases. A man of forty who is married and has a family does not like to go in with the regular Freshman class. Such cases I have relieved from the regulation by giving them a set of exercises to do at home, for which they have to report and receive credit each week. There are other devices which should, I believe, be used in suitable cases, that will do much to prevent any possible hardship that such a general regulation might involve.

I am strongly convinced, from my experience here, and from the way in which other universities are taking up this question, that in a few years every university will have some such regulation as the one at Pennsylvania.

Our system of medical attendants here consists of the appointment of two college physicians, who may be consulted free, but for the specialties he is referred to the hospital clinic, which is on the university grounds. I think some such arrangement would be feasible at Queen's.

It is difficult to make such a course popular unless it is made progressive and the movements interesting. The perfunctory drill repeated year after year does not do this, but by allowing the credit given for boxing, wrestling, football, or hockey, a man who is too good physically for the regular gymnasium work is provided for; and the gymnasium work is the best possible preparation for one whose ambition is greater than his ability.

We have a large number of men here who have started in the gymnasium class and who in their final years have gone out for the different teams with success. This side of the work appeals strongly to the athletic committees, as it should, for there is no way in which material for the football or track squad can be so well discovered as in the gymnastic classes. Many a man at first attends perhaps reluctantly, in obedience to a regulation requiring it. While in the gymnasium he discovers ability which would otherwise have lain dormant, and he sometimes develops into a good athlete.

I trust this may answer the questions you put in your letter, but if you would have more detailed account of the workings of the department I shall be glad to let you have them.

When I was at Queen's I left copies of the blanks we use at Pennsylvania, which I have no doubt, would be of some assistance to you in explaining the scope of the department's activities.

Yours sincerely,

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Compulsory gymnasium classes have already been tried here and have proved successful. Our physical director, Mr. Bews, approves unreservedly of the compulsory classes, and information he has gathered shows that the regular gym-