

predecessors of even ten years ago, not have given for a taste of the opportunities in store for you in connection with the subject of physiology alone! Whereas they had to be content with rough plates and diagrams in the elucidation of those great functions on which life depends; these will be made clear as noon-day to you by experiment, and by the use of the microscope, and other physiological apparatus.

Your curriculum, certainly, has a formidable appearance, judging from the number and extent of the subjects it contains, but these will be found to blend or dovetail the one into the other so intimately that after a time the work becomes less onerous than it appears at the first glance. The business before you is undoubtedly great, but not greater than may be effected with pleasure and confidence. As you will doubtless have gathered from the annual announcement of the Faculty, certain changes have been made in the programme of the course, to come into operation this session. It is to be hoped that students will fall in with the new arrangement, as, in the words of the announcement, by means of it "a certain definite amount of work must be accomplished in each year, and, moreover, an equitable division is made between the Primary and Final branches." The subjects which will especially engage your attention during the first two years of your studentship are Anatomy, Physiology, Materia Medica, and Chemistry.

Anatomy should remain throughout as one of the great central subjects of your medical studies. It has been well represented as the keystone of the arch, touching at the same time both halves of your work—medicine on the one hand, surgery on the other—and sustaining the whole superstructure securely in its place. You will learn your anatomy from lectures delivered in the class-room, and from the Demonstrators in the dissecting room, but in truth the latter is the place where you get a really practical knowledge of the subject. The Professor of Anatomy teaches you where the various structures and organs of the body are to be found, and their relations, &c.,—in the dissecting-room you make them out for yourselves and handle them. Not the least part of dissecting, by the way, is the handling of the