

others, as well as all the licensing boards of the country, in a matter of the first and equal importance to all, but the length of the medical course is not a purely academic question. If the largest universities are to be also the leading universities, there are certain obligations resting upon them, not only in their relations to others engaged in similar work, but to the public as well. The question may well be asked, is public opinion ready to endorse the addition of a year in preparation for admission to the medical profession?

7. Consideration of this important matter is not complete without full details of the financial aspect of it. This is a side upon which the public will properly ask for information. Is the course in Medicine to become so expensive that only those with considerable resources can hope to enter it? At the present time the expense is almost prohibitive for the average working man's son. If another year is added it will be entirely so. A physician graduating in 1891 from Trinity Medical School, in Toronto, gives his total expense, for four years, as \$1,240. Another who graduated at Queen's in 1894 spent \$1,321 in all. These amounts included college and graduation fees and everything else, books, board, lodging and travelling expenses. From these figures it is evident that 20 years ago a working man, a farmer, or any other man with a modest income, might safely encourage his son to study medicine, confident that with the summer work of the boy to help, the expense could be met. It was also quite possible for an active young man to provide himself with funds sufficient to pay his way. Now the number of self-supporting students has greatly diminished. Some figures have been secured from members of a recent class, graduating after four years at Queen's. Four students, two self-supporting and two not, who kept accurate records, supplied figures from which it has been determined that the average minimum cost of four years at Queen's has risen in recent years to \$2,045. To this must now be added the expense of the fifth year, making at least \$2,500. If a sixth year is to be required it will increase the minimum expense to \$3,000. At Toronto and McGill the college fees and living