

knowledge to every one who attempts to treat the sick.

Certainly the average man, who has not enjoyed the benefit of a hospital training is not prepared to recognize, diagnose, and treat the manifold diseases that present oral manifestations. It is not desirable that he should treat some of them, but certainly there is no gainsaying the fact that he should be able to recognize them.

I therefore, hold it true, that we, as dentists, have not the knowledge of the body in general in both physiological and pathological conditions that we should have. An increase in our knowledge of histology, anatomy, physiology, pathology, rhinology, laryngology, ophthalmology and otology - the last four particularly - and the subjects are most desirable.

Now <sup>how</sup> this is to be brought about, I am free to confess I do not know. Our course in Dentistry is already five years, and provides none too much time to acquire the mental and technical equipment which is now regarded as essential. It imposes an almost intolerable burden upon the parents of our students, or upon the very few students who still find it possible to finance their own college course. To lengthen it by the years necessary to complete a course in medicine seems impossible.

The nature of the change to be brought about is a problem, but I see some light in a plan which was proposed some years ago as a means of lessening the time to be spent in post-graduate work in hospitals by medical graduates.

Briefly outlined, it is as follows:- To make the first three years common to all students (this to be extended to include