

Such being some of the advantages of the *Wiener Universität*, it is only fair to speak of some of its disadvantages, if I am to give a dispassionate view of the subject. To begin with, the courses, in the height of the season (Sept. to March) particularly, are over-crowded. Some practical courses, presided over by one teacher only, are attended by 30 or 40 students—much too large a number to obtain that individual teaching so desirable in practical study. In courses equally popular that are limited (to 10 or 12 students) this is remedied, but owing to the demand for seats it is almost impossible to get one without applying all the way from three to six months in advance. Then, again, as most of the individual teaching and all the lecturing is given in German, and as the uneducated patients, whom it is commonly necessary to interrogate, usually speak a villainous *patois* that passes for German, it is requisite to have some familiarity with the language.

Finally, Vienna is not only an expensive place to live in, but the fees of these monthly classes mount up to a respectable sum in the course of three or four months, especially as the amount charged for them have lately advanced, in obedience to the inexorable laws of supply and demand, about 25 per cent. in nearly all courses. An annoying and ridiculous form has to be gone through by every one studying in the Vienna University which differs from the formalities preceding one's entrance into the University of Berlin in that the latter body compresses the proceedings into a few days, while the former insists upon their being repeated *ad nauseam* every time a course is taken out. I will not worry you with a recital of them; you may first imagine a "cross" between a Canadian custom house entry and the registration of a notarial deed. That sort of masquerading is all well enough for undergraduate students, but is irritating beyond measure to bearded Anglo-Saxons, to whom life is short and time is fleeting, but then the time of the

average Austrian is apparently not very valuable. However, I profited and enjoyed my life in the *Kaiserstadt*, with its beautiful university and other handsome buildings, and its wide, handsome streets, not to mention its life, an odd mixture of earnestness and frivolity, modified by the bad element of a southern immorality.

Drs. A. W. Campbell and Hewitt, of Montreal, as well as Drs. T. Melville Hardie, Trow and Thorburn, of Toronto, are among the Canadians "pegging" away at laryngology and associated "ologies."

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MEDICO-CHIRURGICAL SOCIETY OF MONTREAL.

Stated Meeting, May 17th, 1889.

WM. GARDNER, M.D., PRESIDENT, IN THE CHAIR.

The resident staff of the Montreal General Hospital were proposed for membership in the Society.

Dr. Buller showed a boy who had come to him suffering from a severe injury to the eye, caused by a piece of stick which was thrown at him, and which had cut through the whole of the cornea and a part of the sclerotic. There was injection of the vessels at the angles of the wound and other evidences of threatening sympathetic ophthalmia, and he therefore decided to remove the eye, which he did by the method of Mr. Mule, which consists in inserting—with the strictest antiseptic precautions—a glass globe within the relaxed sclerotic, and then sewing the latter and the conjunctiva over it, thus keeping the eyeball full and round and offering the best possible stump for an artificial eye. The operation was eminently successful, it being almost impossible to detect the artificial from the sound eye. Dr. Buller removed the artificial eye, when the members were able to feel the glass globe inserted under the sclerotic.

Dr. Stewart then exhibited a case of pseudo-leukaemia, in which there was an enormous development of the lymphatic glands of the neck and axilla, but not of the groin which had first shown itself 10 months ago. No changes could be detected either in the spleen or in the blood. He had been giving him Fowler's solution for several months in gradually increasing doses, having reached 10 drops