

DEPARTMENT OF EXPERIMENTAL SURGERY.

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During the year 1930-31 the work of the Department has continued its activities with only one serious interruption. An epidemic of distemper was fatal in some important cases, and for some weeks closed the Animal House to the further admission of dogs.

The organization, which binds together the various departments of the Medical Faculty through the medium of this Grant, has continuously kept in mind the development of an interest in the scientific approach to clinical surgery and cognate branches. Contributing to the work from various angles have been the Departments of Surgery, Medicine, Pathology, Pharmacology, Physiology and Biochemistry, so that a most co-operative, and at the same time economical, means of carrying out research has been provided.

Colloquia are held every fortnight, at which all those engaged in experimental work attend. Here the various researches are discussed in detail and the continuance of the work adjudicated. A very free and open criticism of each man's work is thus given, and as a result the character of the work has improved and, even when under way for some time, is often carefully revised as to any controversial points. Most of the experiments involve surgical procedure, so in this way prospective surgeons receive the double training of experimental