

appreciate and remember Prague, Göttingen, Freiburg and Wurzburg more highly than they do Vienna or Berlin.

With regard to Paris, it is difficult to arrive at any definite conclusion. As in private duty bound, our French Canadian students regard Paris as their Mecca, there is for them no school but one school. Doubtless those who stay there for some little period and who obtain appointments in the hospitals (more especially in connection with specialties in medicine), return to us remarkably well posted in one or other branch, or it may be, in several branches of professional knowledge. But it must equally be acknowledged that a large number of those who perform the pilgrimage, whether as a consequence of natural incapacity to profit by the opportunity, or from appreciation of the advantages other than medical which Paris affords, return little better qualified than they were before they left, or at the least, do not subsequently manifest any superior ability. Too few of our English-speaking students seek Paris for us, through them, to make any statement with regard to the school which forty, or twenty years ago was the great medical centre. This, it seems to us, is a pity, for while, judging from an inspection of the Paris hospitals and operating rooms, French surgery is far behind that of the American and German centres, there has undoubtedly of late years been a renaissance in many branches. In nervous diseases, now as when Charcot was at the height of his fame, Paris affords wonderful clinical opportunity, while in pathological anatomy of the nervous system, we doubt if there be any higher authorities than Marie and his associates. So also in such specialties as rhinology, ophthalmology and otology, not a little is to be learned from the French clinical methods, while in bacteriology, the course given by Roux at the Institut Pasteur is, we learn, much superior to any course in Germany or elsewhere upon the continent.

It is, however, when we come to enquire from our returned graduates their impression concerning London, that we meet with the most remarkable unanimity of impression. As Paris is the Mecca of the French speaking, so should London be the Mecca of the English speaking Canadian. Naturally, all gravitate there first, but few, sadly few, remain. It is not that they are not anxious to do so, not that they are incapable of gaining benefit, not that they would not prefer to remain for months gaining an increased knowledge at the feet of the great physicians and surgeons whose names have become household words to them. But they are forced to leave unless they are willing to waste their time, or unless they are wishful to revert for a season to the position of the undergraduate and take up such subjects as anatomy and physiology for the conjoint examination of the Royal Colleges.

To this broad statement there are, so far as we know, two exceptions : —the ophthalmological material at Moorfields is magnificent, and there