

but although assistance has been rendered in a general way, with two exceptions, the chairs are still unendowed. Yet we have great expectations which we hope will be realized in the near future. Let us hope that our sister universities throughout Canada will be equally fortunate; so that before long we shall be able to report that we are all marching abreast equally equipped.

CLINICAL TEACHING IN CANADA.

The facilities for clinical teaching in the larger cities of Canada are admirable. Speaking for the city of Montreal, we have in the five general hospitals, the Hotel Dieu, Montreal General, Notre Dame, Royal Victoria and Western Hospitals nearly 800 beds. The number of students attending the three medical schools was last session 646; and considering that only about half—those of the third and fourth years—have access to the wards, there will be at least two beds for each student. The number of outdoor patients attending the five hospitals daily would aggregate at least 300, so that there can be no possible cause for complaint regarding both the quantity and quality of clinical material available in this city.

NURSES AND NURSING IN CANADA.

While on the subject of hospitals, I would take this opportunity of saying that the training schools attached to the larger English hospitals are in a very flourishing condition and are found to contribute not a little towards the thoroughness of the practical teaching. It was my intention to have referred at some length to the whole question of Nurses and Nursing, but the limits of this address forbid. I might say, however, while as a profession we feel the absolute necessity for the training school, and thoroughly appreciate the services of the well trained nurse, both in hospital and in private practice, there is the fear that the supply may soon exceed the demand. A project is on foot now, however, which may delay, if not actually prevent, such a result. I refer to the recent establishment by that most estimable and charitable woman, the Countess of Aberdeen, of the Victorian Order of Nurses—another outcome of the jubilee of our beloved Queen. Her Excellency's idea in establishing this order is to supply the sparsely settled parts of our great Northwest, the outlying districts of Canada generally, and the poor in towns and cities with nursing aid. In this great work hundreds of nurses will in time be employed. The scheme, which is purely non-sectarian, and appeals to all, irrespective of nationality, when thoroughly worked out and more generally understood will become one of our national institutions. Let us wish it every success.