

and capabilities; in fact an expert in the true sense of the term. The great schools of medicine must seek for the best men, and not any longer encourage those occupying subordinate positions to believe that if they only hold on long enough they must needs drop into the professorial chair when the present occupant drops out. The mere hangers-on must be discouraged as much as possible. All appointments should be for a definite period, even to the professorial chairs. In this age, such is the rapidity of progress that even the most industrious specialist can scarcely keep up with the tide of knowledge. Provision must be made to enable men to retire when they are no longer able to maintain the pace. Salaries should be liberal, and a pension fund would be one of a university's best investments, for it would remove some of the hindrances to progress. Men would not be so tempted to hold to their chairs that, as O. W. Holmes says, they can scarce be hoisted from them by the explosion of a petard. The time is not far distant when even clinical chairs must be endowed in this country, if we will keep fully abreast with the age.

But where is the means to come from with which such provisions are to be made? We cannot, as in Germany, look for any such wise foresight on the part of the Government. McGill is a remarkable example of an institution supported almost entirely by the bequests of the liberal and enlightened citizens of Montreal. We place no limit to their good deeds. As yet, little has been done for her Medical Faculty it is true, but sufficient has been accomplished in this direction to show that the people of Montreal believe in the principle of assisting this faculty as well as others.

We congratulate Dr. Craik, the Dean of the Faculty of Human Medicine, on the clearness and correctness of his mental perspective. His address shows that he understands the tendencies of the day, and that, with a hopefulness and determination that would do honour to the youngest man of the Faculty, he is determined to battle for the realization of those high ideals which McGill throughout her whole career has striven to uphold. He has not forgot to mention those worthies who in