

It is further proposed:—

"5. That the degree of B.Sc. in medical sciences be given at the end of the second year of the regular Medical Course to those students who, in addition to the regular work of the First and Second Years of the Medical Course, have done special work in one of the subjects of Anatomy, Physiology, or Biological Chemistry, the B.Sc. requirements to be so graded that about 50% of the candidates may obtain it."

From the point of view of the Medical Faculty of Queen's University, this is a most objectionable proposal. The B.Sc. in Queen's now requires honor matriculation in Mathematics, followed by four years' work. To award this degree in the medical sciences for a "pre-medical year" and two years of University work, would be a complete reversal of the policy the Universities have been pursuing of late years and could not but be regarded as a retrograde step by the Faculty and the Senate. If adopted, this new course would almost certainly displace the B.A., M.D. course of seven years, which is now taken by about 20% of the medical students in Queen's University. The seven year combined course is regarded here as a most satisfactory course for both general and medical education and its disappearance or displacement must be considered a grave objection to the new scheme.

There are a number of general objections to the proposal:

1. To spend six years with one Faculty in any University appears to be too long.
2. Six years' academic work to acquire the M.D. degree will tend to force graduates into practice at once without serving as hospital internes. Five years' academic work and a year as a hospital interne are certainly preferable to six years' academic work without the hospital experience as a preparation for practice.
3. The addition of a year to the medical course is proposed at a time that is most inopportune. The five year course has not yet been fully worked out even in those colleges which first adopted it. The proposals come at a time when there is an unusual demand for the services of medical men and when the