

DENTAL SURGEON

NATURE OF WORK

The responsibilities of the Dental Surgeon cover first the preservation of the teeth, temporary and permanent, and the care of the tissues of the Oral Cavity. When, owing to lack of care, disease has made such progress as to cause serious lesions and destruction of the teeth and surrounding tissues, it becomes the dental surgeon's duty to administer treatment and aid nature in the repair of such destruction. The profession, though it is by no means an easy calling - involving, as it does, much thought and many trying moments - is one of extraordinary interest. A dental surgeon must have a thorough knowledge of the normal and be able to diagnose the abnormal or pathological conditions of the mouth. He must be a skilled technician with a thorough knowledge of all the materials used in his work and of the highly developed art which enables him to handle them properly. The dental profession is still young, much opportunity is offered in the field of scientific investigation and a graduate of McGill University will find ready co-operation in his desire for research.

The applicant for entrance must have completed the equivalent of two years of study in the Faculty of Arts, including the subjects Physics, Inorganic and Organic Chemistry, and Biology. His application is then considered for registration in the first year of a four-year Dental course. During the first and second years the student will complete the following Medical Science subjects:- Anatomy, Physiology, Histology, Bio-Chemistry, Pathology, Bacteriology, and Pharmacology. In addition he will be given laboratory technical training in the mechanics of Dentistry. During the third and fourth years he will practice dentistry at the infirmary under competent supervision.