

on that account it is sincere matter for congratulation ; but, on the other hand, the change has also been in the direction of considerably increased expenditure. Practical teaching and demonstration are year by year and more and more taking the place of mere descriptive teaching, and it can readily be understood that the greater amount of individual attention required necessitates a much larger staff of demonstrators and assistants, as well as more apparatus and laboratory equipment, than the older and simpler methods. Another result of the changed methods of instruction has been the splitting up of several important departments into sub-divisions, which have themselves greatly increased in magnitude, some of them even rivaling in prominence and importance the parent branch from which they sprang. This has been more particularly the case with the allied subjects of physiology, histology, and pathology, All three of these were, not many years ago, included in the single department of Institutes of Medicine, and the teaching of all three was entrusted to one individual. To cover the same ground now in a proper manner and in accordance with modern scientific methods would require at least five teachers or demonstrators and ten times the amount of apparatus and appliances. It does not, of course, follow that the increased expense is in the same ratio, for skilled assistants can often be made to take the place of professors and demonstrators at less expense, but the increase in the individual and personal work, of course, means also additional outlay. Expansions and amplifications of a similar kind, though less in degree, have occurred in many, and indeed in most of the other departments, and while they have added greatly to the efficiency of the teaching, they have also added somewhat to the expenditure. Unfortunately, it has not been possible to meet this increased expenditure by a corresponding increase in the fees charged to students in medicine. When students are selecting the institution at which they are to receive their medical training, or when their friends or parents are making the selection for them, they are not always in a position to estimate correctly the value of the facilities offered by each, and knowing that they are all equal in the eye of the law, they are apt to be