

education in this Province. The curriculum advanced stage by stage to the present high standard of a five years' course of study and a preliminary examination, almost the equivalent of a B.A. degree, in order to meet the demands of our country that only men of educational standing and known ability shall be admitted into the ranks of the medical profession. This is said to be an age of general progress and advancement in almost every line of thought. True, in Canada we have legislative confederation of our various Provinces, and why? In order that there might be a uniformity in trade and commerce and thus understand each other better in all the relations of life. In medical education, however, this idea is not being carried out. What do we find to-day? Each Province legislating for itself in matters medical, and no special effort being made to bring about central examining boards or councils in each Province, of equal standing, so that medical degrees of one Province would pass current in any other Province, without being subjected to a second examination. Failing this course, the only other open is for all the Provinces to agree to a central examining and registering body at the capital, the license of which would be recognised in the entire Dominion. This would require a change in the British North America Act which could be so modified as to meet the requirements of our people, providing each Province agreed to such changes. The present state of medical education must shortly undergo some change in order to give evidence of a progressive spirit in our people, and such can only be brought about by placing the whole subject, so intimately associated with our welfare and prosperity, before the *proper tribunal*. The authorities of Queen's are to be congratulated on the large class of young men entering upon the study of the medical profession, possessing, from general appearances, a fair share of both mental and physical powers—so necessary in life's struggle at the present time.

The student of this date certainly labours under great advantages, surrounded as he is with all the varied appliances for scientific investigation, and a well qualified staff of professors, in the various departments of the medical course. True, our pro-