

Professor McGibbon has distinguished himself here by the profound interest which he has taken in the personal welfare of his students, who owe largely to his initiative the establishment of a students' residence within the grounds of the Queen Victoria Maternity Hospital.

Through his untiring efforts in the direction of expanding obstetrical facilities by the establishment of a thoroughgoing District Midwifery Service, and by his activities in the Ante-Natal Clinic Services of the Municipality, he has very appreciably furthered not only the cause of obstetrical education for medical students in our University, but has also rendered yeoman service in the interests of the indigent mothers of this rapidly expanding community.

We trust that Professor McGibbon will continue in his new environment the valuable and successful work he has initiated here and that success and prosperity will attend him. He departs from Johannesburg with the knowledge that he leaves behind him numerous admirers and friends amongst his colleagues and his past students.

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The usual course of events of the Society was somewhat disturbed this year by the energies demanded, from medical and other students alike, for the successful accomplishment of the work of University Week. As a result the usual functions of the Society were for a while in abeyance, the time and attention of medical students being absorbed in the general effort engrossing the whole student body. We are pleased to add that our members acquitted themselves with credit. They played a prominent part, and, in some instances, a lone hand, in the many " rags " organised for the purpose of advertising University Week. At the fete and other attractions provided for the public our students did their share of work with the gusto and thoroughness characteristic of the medico in all matters appertaining to his University.

Considering all this, therefore, it is not surprising that the cultural work of the Society has been in a measure curtailed. Only one lecture could be arranged during the first term. This was given by Dr. Annie Porter, D.Sc., her subject being " The Lighter Side of Parasitology." Her humorous remarks concerning musical and colour discriminating mosquitos, castor oil seeds posing as evacuated scarabs, the penetrative powers of the bed bug, and the substitution of nettle rash for measly rash, were much enjoyed and appreciated by the large audience, which filled the hall to overflowing.

For the rest, the Society's activities were directed towards the production of this journal, a huge task demanding the utmost from everyone concerned.

On the social side, two dances were organised, the first in aid of the University Development Fund (as a result of which we were able to hand £10 over to the Fund), the second being the third annual dance of the Society. Both were well patronised and very enjoyable affairs.

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