

suffering from trivial ailments. In 177 of these the sedimentation rate was increased. Re-examination revealed basal non-tuberculosis lesions in 96, latent apical tuberculosis in 32, positive Wassermann in 35, pelvic inflammatory disease in 5, and possible carcinoma of the lungs in 1. Only eight cases showed no abnormality.

The test is now routine in the Johns Hopkins Diagnostic Clinic. Among 444 cases with a rate of 10mms. or less there were only 8 cases in which organic dis-

ease was found. It must be remembered:

- (1) the test is non-specific.
- (2) slight differences in technique may cause great differences in result.
- (3) corrections for anemia may sometimes be misleading.
- (4) repeated tests are of more significance than isolated ones.
- (5) normal sedimentation velocity may occasionally be found in the presence of disease.

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Dalhousie Students' Medical Society

The Dalhousie Medical Society is at present one of the most flourishing and active of student organizations. Some years ago student interest in this, as in many other university institutions, was at rather a low ebb. In fact the society seems to have been subject to periodic phases of depression such as characterize our present economic system. However, the last two years have shown an ever increasing interest and enthusiasm among the students, and support by the faculty. The members of the executive have been exceedingly active and progressive, and the greater part of the society's success can be credited to them.

Last year the society had a membership of almost one hundred per cent of the student body. Meetings were held at frequent intervals and were very well attended. Interesting lectures were delivered both by local and outside speakers. Refreshments were served after almost every meeting. Several instructive medical films were shown.

The new executive, recently appointed, consists of:

President—Carl Trask.

Vice-President—George Murphy.

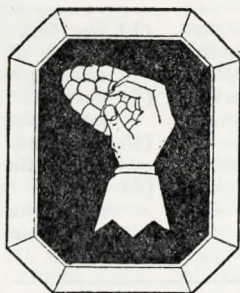
Secretary—Clarence Gosse.

Treasurer—Bill Embree.

It is expected that this new regime will endeavour to an even greater extent to make the Student Medical Society a shining example of what unity and a common ideal can achieve for the mutual advantage of the whole group.

In their efforts they can feel sure they are performing a task which will receive the highest commendation from all students.

Medical students may look with pride upon an active student organization which bids well to live long in their memories as a truly fine asset to the excellent medical training they received at a benevolent Dalhousie University.



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