

MEDICAL FACULTY AT PRETORIA

The University of Pretoria hopes to be able to accept students for the second year course in medicine next year.

Although much has to be done as regards organisation and finance, it is hoped that the plans will have progressed sufficiently by the end of this year to allow students who are now taking their first year course in medicine to continue for a second year at Pretoria instead of having to go either to the University of the Witwatersrand or to Cape Town, as they have hitherto had to do.

Mr. Gerard Moerdyk, chairman of the Council of the University, stated in an interview to-day that the university had received £6,000 towards financing the faculty. In addition there was a promise of a single gift of £10,000 and a further possibility of another £10,000; and it would not be difficult to collect £10,000 more in gifts of £100.

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If all these prospects were fulfilled £36,000 would be available. The amount actually required for the establishment of a medical faculty was £50,000. The use of local hospitals for training would also be necessary.

He had discussed the subject at the congress of the Transvaalse Onderwysersvereniging with the object of interesting the Afrikaans-speaking teachers in the scheme. He suggested that the teachers should set themselves the task of collecting, say, £5,000, which, on the pound for pound basis, would be sufficient to establish a specific department of the faculty. The suggestion had been received with enthusiasm by the delegates and it had been decided to refer the matter to the financial committee for further action.