

MEDICAL FACULTY

OF THE

UNIVERSITY OF MCGILL COLLEGE.

THE Course of Medical Instruction in McGill College is to commence on Monday, November 7, and to be continued, as usual, to the end of April.

The Faculty consider it unnecessary to enter into detail in reference to the means at their command for affording to students, who shall select their school, the opportunity of acquiring a thorough knowledge of their profession. The list of Lecturers, on the 3rd page, shows the extent and completeness of their Curriculum, and the fulness with which the subjects are treated; while its length (viz., four years) gives assurance that these subjects will be well grounded in the minds of the Students. It may be made an objection that the long period required is expensive and burdensome to the Student, and unnecessarily prolonged; but when the great extension lately given to Medical Science is considered; the great number of branches to be studied; and the importance in after-life of a thorough knowledge, previous to entering upon the arduous and responsible duties of practice, which very generally impede or prevent further study, it is thought that the advantages must greatly overbalance any inconveniences which may arise from the length of the course of study. It is a duty of those engaged in Medical instruction to seek to impress upon their pupils, that Medicine is something more than a mere routine or empirical application of rules, and that the judgments and decisions of the practitioner should be founded on proper scientific knowledge and deduction. Adequate knowledge of the varied subjects embraced in Medical education cannot be obtained without a proportionate allowance of time; and retention of knowledge is generally known to be in a ratio to the time employed in