

judiciously set high enough to more than meet the demands of the most exacting university in Canada, in fact the College authorities have thought it better to go beyond rather than fall short of the standard set up by any of our universities, and in this they have acted wisely. The Junior Department is divided into four branches—commercial, industrial, normal and classical; so that those who are intended for any special business or profession have their attention directed to subjects bearing upon them. For instance, there are nearly a dozen agricultural students, some are studying surveying, &c. It must be understood, however, that the study of these special subjects does not displace the regular branches which are imperative, the others being accessory. We would direct the attention of our university authorities to what we believe is doing harm, and accounts for the number of half educated lawyers and doctors we commonly meet with, and that is the low standard fixed for admission to the faculties of law and medicine. By the present system, the list of students in these faculties is much larger, but it is at the expense of quality, and we cannot blame young men, many of whom are not in affluent circumstances, from yielding to the temptation held out of passing with but a very insufficient preliminary training, and not necessarily with any general intellectual culture at all. The heads of our chief educational institutions have much to answer for in this respect. The mining developments of this part of the country have been taken advantage of, and Thomas Mackie, Esq., a well qualified mineralogist, not only lectures, but takes the students with him on his visits to the mines with which he is connected. Analysis of ores, &c., is conducted under his supervision. The College is, as it professes to be, strictly non-sectarian, but the moral and religious instruction of the young men is carefully alluded to. Fourteen of the students are preparing for the Christian Ministry. These are of various denominations and we find that in the neighbourhood the various religious bodies are well represented. There are Church of England, Church of Scotland, Catholics, Free, Wesleyan and Congregational Churches, and but one testimony is borne by those best qualified to judge, to the propriety and good conduct of all the students. Associations are formed for religious and other purposes such as Young Men's Christian Association, Literary Society, &c., at latter of which papers are read and discussions held with other exercises of an improving nature. A good library and a museum form part of the means of improvement, and to this latter we would recommend those holding duplicates of specimens, to contribute. The Principal who has taken considerable pains in arranging and classifying the minerals would be very glad to exchange duplicates. There are scholarships connected with the institution as we find by pages 14 and 15 of the catalogue. A perpetual scholarship can be had for \$400, collegiate (4 years) for \$100 Scientific (3 years) \$60, Preparatory (3 years) \$50. In many respects St. Francis College presents advantages of no common order. As non-sectarian it affords to all denominations an opportunity of having young men prepared for the Christian Ministry under the immediate supervision of their own pastors. Sound views in Canadian nationality, with unswerving loyalty to the British connection are inculcated, while at the same time the lessons to be derived from the experiences of other countries are clearly pointed out, so that a spirit of bigotry is not fostered. The surrounding country is rich in economical resources open to the young men as a branch of their studies, the neighbourhood is very healthy and what may seem to be an anti-climax, the expense of living is very moderate. We believe that the testimony of the prize lists of McGill University is sufficient to prove the efficient manner in which the institution has been conducted, and the sound way in which the students are grounded in every branch of study. We trust soon to hear that the debt has been wiped off, and that a further sum has been raised sufficient to found an additional Professor's chair.

It may be interesting to subjoin a list of the students for the three years 1861-64:—

Collegiate and Scientific	-	-	-	-	-	26
Matriculating Class (1864)	-	-	-	-	-	8
Classical	-	-	-	-	-	36
Normal	-	-	-	-	-	26
Commercial and Industrial	-	-	-	-	-	142

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The Matriculating class includes students from Montreal, Leeds, Inverness, Bishop's College, Lennoxville, Danville, &c., and already six additional students have intimated their intention of joining the Matriculating class next term. We recommend the course of lectures in the Faculty of

Arts to the consideration of those who have sons or others under their guardianship to whom they desire to give a sound education. We have seldom seen a more judicious scheme.—*Montreal Gazette.*

— MCGILL UNIVERSITY.— We have received a copy of the annual calendar of the University of McGill College. From it we learn that the students last session were—

In the faculty of Arts in McGill College	-	-	67
Morrin College	-	-	15
			82
In Medicine	-	-	177
In Law	-	-	48
			307
Deduct entered in two faculties	-	-	2
			305
In the affiliated Schools there were:—			
In High School department	-	-	249
In McGill Normal School	-	-	74
In Model Schools	-	-	300
			928

Making the aggregate under tuition - - - - - 928

The coming session of the faculty of Arts will begin on the 6th September next, and end on the 1st May 1865. The full course of study for the degree of B. A., covers four years, but advanced students may enter as of the second year. To graduates besides rank as first class, one of five gold medals are offered as a prize to be won by honour students; the "Chapman" Gold Medal, will hereafter be awarded to the foremost man in classical languages and literature. The "Prince of Wales" for Logic and Mental and Moral Philosophy. The "Anne Molson" for Mathematics and Natural Philosophy; the "Shakspeare" for English Literature, &c., and the "Logan" for Geology and other Natural Sciences. The teaching staff of the faculty comprises ten professors. The medical faculty opens its next and thirty-second session on the 7th November, and continues it for six months. The staff of this faculty comprises nine professors, besides the demonstrator of Anatomy—and access is afforded to students to the Montreal General Hospital. The course for the degree of M.D., C.M., is of three years. In the faculty of Law there are six professors. The precise day of opening or length of the course is not stated. With these advantages the University should command the confidence of the community, and we are glad to see so many evidences of hearty support accorded to it.—*Montreal Gazette.*

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