

that the college was in great financial difficulties. All but a very few complied. When they had done so, the resolution exempting theological students was at once annulled, and they were admitted only on payment of the regular fee. That was four years ago. Since then the number of undergraduates from the affiliated colleges has fallen off rapidly, until now there are only about half as many as there used to be. It may well be asked, was the paltry addition to the college funds worth the sacrifice that bought it?

"'Tis yet to know, which, when we know that boasting is an honor, we shall promulgate," that the Arts Faculty would be well repaid were it to offer special inducements to theological students to attend its course as undergraduates. Our men have reflected some honor on McGill in the past and might well be expected to do so in the future. But enough of this; the records speak for us.

What we have said of the affiliated colleges applies equally to Science and Medicine. Very few, comparatively, of those who enter these faculties, take with them the Arts degree. There is a feeling that the Arts course is only so much time wasted for those entering these professions. We are well aware that the proportion of Arts graduates in the Law Faculty is still very large, yet we cannot but suppose that any change such as this one proposed would have a very decided influence upon the number of Artsmen from this faculty also.

In a word, the difficulties are already great enough, and any raising of the fees would be a very serious addition to them. We venture to say that at present scarcely fifty per cent. of the undergraduates in Arts are from outside Montreal. This was true in the case of last year's graduating class, and it seems equally true of the present second and third years, while in the fourth year the proportion is seventy-five per cent. It is not long since the proportion was just the reverse. Surely it is conclusive evidence that students from the country are finding it impossible to attend, and that presently the Arts Faculty