

midwifery, materia medica, medical jurisprudence, and practical anatomy, will be taught by different gentlemen to those who were engaged upon them last winter. The remaining chairs will be filled by their former occupants, whose efficiency has long since been established. The facilities afforded by this school for the acquirement of a sound and modern medical education, are probably not surpassed by any other, even in Europe, certainly by none on this side of the Atlantic. Students have for some time back been sensible of this, so that now, instead of beginning their studies here, and completing them elsewhere, the common practice is not to leave the College after matriculation till they have received its degree, and then to visit older places prior to entering upon the responsible duties of practice. Owing to certain regulations that have recently come into vogue, the labors of the student have been materially lightened in the matter of attendance upon lectures and preparation for examination. Formerly, when this final test was single, it became very trying, for being upon all the branches taught, it required a close attendance during the last session upon each class, and a retention in the memory of the minutiae connected with its subject, but now, from the examination being double, the student takes up each half at separate times, and can devote himself more thoroughly to the comparatively few branches thereby comprised, thus saving himself from much physical and mental labor. It is proper to observe that this arrangement is not absolute, for such students as prefer the old method are allowed to follow it, and the same concession is granted in the case of gentlemen who, having pursued their studies at other seats of learning, pass the last year at McGill College, with the view to graduation. This consideration cannot be else than satisfactory. We have reasons for believing that the prospects of the coming session are of a flattering character, and that well-filled benches will encourage the professors in their daily toils.

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*Further Appointments in McGill College.*—The vacancy in the chair of medical jurisprudence, stated in our last number, has been filled by the appointment thereto of Dr. R. P. Howard, whose ability as a medical instructor has been well tested, both in teaching practical anatomy at this institution, and in the private education of medical students—those who are returning to College will, with ourselves, rejoice at his elevation to the professorship. Dr. D. C. MacCallum has been appointed his successor as demonstrator of anatomy and curator of the museum.