

as an evidence that a large number at least prefer this to the more attractive method which allows the student options from the first. The reason probably is that experience proves a course of this kind better adapted to the subsequent requirements of professional and business life. An impression has been cultivated in some quarters that McGill has devoted more of its energies to science than to literature. This is, however, a mistake, except in so far as it has provided special means of study in its museum and laboratories and its faculty of applied science for scientific study, and that it has given to this a practical character which has fitted many of its graduates for science teaching, for the work of scientific surveys and similar employments. It is perhaps the main cause of success in the faculty of arts that while it has possessed a large body of able teachers, it has been induced by its connection with schools of theology, of pedagogy, of law, medicine and engineering, to shape its course of study so as to fit its men as well as possible for these various callings and professions, as well as for the pursuit of abstract learning. Much greater success might no doubt have been achieved but for that narrow policy which has prevented the Province of Quebec from recognising as in other countries the sufficiency of the degree of B.A. as evidence of preparation for entrance into professional study. Against this the university has kept up an almost continuous protest for thirty years, and it is hoped that in the progress of enlightenment, the evil may soon be remedied. The Faculty of Law has suffered severely from the anti-educational Regulations of the Council of the Bar, which by a most improvident action of the Legislature and one believed to be contrary to the rights guaranteed to the Protestant universities at Confederation, has been permitted to tyrannise over the university course. It is hoped that these obnoxious powers may soon be withdrawn. The Faculties of Medicine and of Applied Science and the Normal School, report continuous prosperity and progress, and are evidently doing good work in the subjects which they represent. The Faculty of Applied Science has been provided with new class-rooms and drawing-rooms, and the Normal school has established a workshop for training in the use of tools, and has also made some material improvements in its course of study. The library, Peter Redpath Museum and Observatory are