

Amendment, December 16th, 1874.—Owing to the number of Lectures being reduced from 80 to 60, the following Resolution was passed:—

“In view of the final Courses of Lectures during this Session being of unequal length, while the Prizes are equal, it is decided that any candidate for the Prize in the shorter Course shall also pass creditably in the Examination in the longer Course, as well as in both the subjects before Christmas.”

In April, 1875, the Corporation of McGill University passed the further regulation:—

“Any student having taken one of the Prizes may compete in a subsequent Session, but not in the same subject in which the previous Prize was taken; and in no case shall more than two Prizes be awarded to the same student.”

The above came into force in the Examinations of the past Session.

The total number of students during the year is 30, of whom 17 passed Examinations in one or more subjects. Six young ladies fulfilled the necessary conditions as candidates for the Hannah W. Lyman Prizes, which have been awarded to Miss Julia Parker, who passed first in Biology, Architecture and Applied Logic—having obtained the maximum number of marks in the latter Examination.

Before passing from the subject of the examinations, we must unite in the regret expressed by all the Professors, that more students do not submit to the valuable test of an examination. A large proportion of the auditors take notes, but have apparently not the courage to risk passing an examination when not quite certain of a first class certificate. If this fear prevailed in Colleges, the number of graduates would be very small. In our Association the 1st class certificates are the rule, 3d, or even 2d class, the exception—(e. g. for 1875-6, 22 1st, 10 2nd and 3 3rd)—which is reversing the usual order of things, and shows that our students are too ambitious, and do not give proper weight and value to a good second class, or even a pass