

Now if every student was to take a more lively interest in the paper, and assist by contributions, the immense labor now connected with its issue would be lessened infinitely, and in a short time it would become a prosperous and paying institution; but as long as it is conducted in the manner it is at present, its production will never be anything other than a vexatious and ungrateful task, left for two or three individuals. Many changes must of necessity be made very shortly, but before these are made another matter of great importance must be attended to. The subscribers of last session were not nearly as liberal as those of former sessions were, and it only requires a glance at the account book to show that the arrears are considerable. The unpaid subscriptions standing on the books would more than balance our accounts. The reason this requires immediate attention is that we have been called upon by our creditors to make a settlement, and the only way left open to us is to call upon those who have not paid their back subscriptions to do so at once. Do not make any delay in forwarding to the Treasurer the amount of your indebtedness at once. Let this appeal be sufficient.

THE members of the Y. M. C. A. have given their third annual Reception to the Freshmen in Arts and Medicine, and many have pronounced it a decided success. In some respects it was successful, but we doubt whether as a Y. M. C. A. Reception it was worthy of being called a success. The object of such a gathering is to bring the Freshmen at the very first into close contact with the Association, so that they may become acquainted with its members and know something of its working. Besides an opportunity is afforded the students to become better acquainted with their professors, as well as with the Pastors of the different congregations in the city. This we

hold to be the main object of the meeting, whereas it would rather appear to an observer as if the great desire was to bring as many of the young people together as possible, in order that they might become acquainted. If it was a *conversazione* this would be all right; but as a Y. M. C. A. meeting, only those should be invited who are really interested in Y. M. C. A. work. And there should not be too large a gathering or the object of the meeting will not be attained. We would suggest, also, that those in charge should invite a certain number of married ladies from the different congregations, who would be likely to take an interest in the students and invite them to their homes and introduce them to other members of their congregation. In this way each student would soon become acquainted with some of the members in the church he attends and would feel at home at once, and would take much more interest in the congregation.

WE are glad to notice that the recent Medical Matriculation Examinations were much more difficult than on former occasions. The test in Latin and Physics was thorough, but the English and Mathematical papers were not such as to demand a sufficient knowledge of these important subjects. On these subjects a student, by a few weeks constant application could easily obtain a sufficient knowledge to enable him to gain the required percentage. This certainly should not be the case. The papers set for these examinations are prepared by the faculty of Queen's, and unquestionably should be difficult enough to ensure a knowledge of at least the rudiments of our mother language. When members of the faculty sneer at the ignorance of medical students they are simply condemning their own hand-work. The education of the medical students corresponds exactly to the standard of matricu-