

occasion may require, touching Academic dress, or other matters of general Academic interest."

In recent years very lively electioneering campaigns have been carried on for the election of representative fellows, according to number (6) of the above. At a late meeting of the Graduates' Society, when a fellow was called upon to give an account of his stewardship, he replied that they "allowed the ladies to wear gowns."

The rapid expansion of McGill makes it absolutely necessary that something should be done to relieve our professors of excessive work, and allow them opportunities to pay more attention to advanced students, for study, and original research. This seems to be most feasible by establishing a number of teaching fellowships, the holders of which would be entitled to look after the primary classes. Their duties in the way of tuition should not occupy more than half their time. The remainder should be devoted to original research.

In McGill a fellowship should be not less than \$500, so that it would not be necessary for the fellow to give private tuition, and it would be a great inducement to the best class of men if they went as high as \$1200. Those receiving the latter would correspond to what we call lecturers.

The bestowal of fellowships, and the decision as to the length of time they are to be held by one person, should be left entirely in the hands of the faculty, and should not be interfered with by the donor. It should not necessarily be given to a McGill graduate, but to the best man available. Fellows should be encouraged to spend their vacation abroad, as many of the medical faculty have been doing during the last few years.

No graduate should feel satisfied till he has established a fellowship.

Who will be the first McGill graduate to show his good sense and gratitude to his *alma mater*, and at the same time do himself credit by establishing one or more teaching fellowships?

#### LADIES' SECRET SOCIETIES.

The respective secretaries of the lady graduates and undergraduates have received several letters from a young lady in Ames, Iowa, U.S.A., referring to the establishment at McGill of a Greek Letter Sisterhood. This is not the first time such a thing has been suggested. In December, 1887, the Donalds students were invited to join the Kappa Alpha Theta fraternity, by the ladies of Toronto University, who had organized a chapter amongst themselves. At that

time the Donalds wisely decided that their own Delta Sigma, Greek letter only in name, claimed their first allegiance, and we believe they have adopted the same course in regard to the Tri Delta. "This sisterhood," says the correspondent, "is only two years old. It was established after a close study of the successes and failures of all ladies' fraternities, so it stands alone, a fraternity on a modern basis. It is very much like them, except that it is strongly Christian, and has, for a part of its work, the Christian fields." She further states that: "At the annual Tri Delta convention, held in Boston, it was voted to establish a chapter in McGill University, provided suitable material could be found. We want only good strong students, of the first class in honors." The graduates were also invited to establish an alumni degree; and having written, declining the honor, and stating that such a step would interfere with the projected Intercollegiate Association, an answer was received, from which we quote: "I was very much interested in your Society work. It is exactly the kind of work that the Tri Delta ladies desire to establish in their alumni degree, and I firmly believe that it would make your field of work much broader to join in with our Tri Delta movement, as our work will extend all through Canada, United States, and Europe. We expect to take in only our best Universities and Colleges."

The aim of these Southern "sisters" is, no doubt, a good one. But there is just a possibility that in their zeal to "do a grand work in a broad field," they are neglecting the simple acquirements of an educated woman. In the communications received, the orthography would disgrace a child of twelve, the handwriting is illegible, and punctuation and construction are at fault. The McGill ladies were wise in not entering the movement. One finds in the world much zeal misdirected.

The Jane Redpath Exhibition, the only one open to women, was never, until last autumn, competed for by them. This was, perhaps, due partly to the fact that, placed as this Exhibition is, at the entrance to the First Year, would-be competitors have not known of its terms until too late to begin the necessary study. But now that it has been won (and most honorably) by a Donalds student, the letter upon the subject, published in this issue, comes most apropos. The need for scholarships and exhibitions must be as great among the women as among the men, and must prove a no less valuable assistance to deserving students. If "Donalds's" suggestion of