

IT is with great pleasure we note the change that has taken place in the Medical College. The faculty has gone to considerable expense in refitting the interior of the college, and has succeeded in making it much more attractive and comfortable. An additional attraction is the Library and Reading Room, upon which extra care has been bestowed, and which will soon be found well furnished with the best works of reference, together with the leading medical publications. The students fully appreciate this effort of the faculty, and are resolved to make good use of the library, and to frown down the reckless destruction of property, which was rather too common heretofore. It is pleasing to notice also, that after due consideration it has been thought advisable to organize a Y. M. C. A. in the Medical College. As Medical Students are noted for their energy in carrying out anything they undertake, there is no reason why this new and laudable project should not succeed.

THE word spoken by the Principal at the close of Professor Dupuis' lecture on University Day was not in vain. The students asked for the Sunday afternoon services, and they must show their appreciation of them. While open to the general public they are specially and designedly for the students, and unless they attend as a body, the Principal can not be expected to continue to take the trouble that has to be taken in connection with them. This session, so far, the attendance of the students has been better than ever. The choir too is much larger, and their appearance last Sunday in academic costume gave to the platform an harmonious appearance that it has hitherto lacked. When the teaching staff sits at one end, with hoods and gowns, the other end should avoid the reproach of nakedness. There has been an improvement in the singing every Sunday, but why has the new

choir omitted the chanting of the Psalm, and the *Gloria Patri*? The Medical professors have hitherto been conspicuous by their absence. Doubtless the reason is that they attend church forenoon and evening, and need the whole of the afternoon to attend to their patients. But the Medical students have not the same excuse, and we trust therefore to see as many of them as of the Arts students present, rain or shine, snow or frost.

THE work in connection with Chemistry is becoming more and more differentiated, to the great advantage of all who wish to master the subject. Besides the Professor's lectures, Mr. Shortt, who is acting as assistant this year, is giving to the second year men in Medical Chemistry an entirely practical course. The large laboratory has been admirably fitted up for this class, and for the class in Analytical Chemistry. Dr. Waddell (Ph. D. of Heidelberg, and D. Sc. of Edinburgh), who is doing some original work with Dr. Goodwin, is also giving a course of lectures, that are much appreciated, on Chemical Physics and kindred subjects to the Honor students. Edmund C. Shorey, gold medallist of last year, is in charge of the Laboratory. More students are engaged in laboratory and honor work than ever, and consequently we may expect Queen's to turn out other Science Masters like W. Nicol, B.A., for nowhere save in the Laboratory can Chemistry be properly studied.

DURING the past two years the JOURNAL has not been a financial success, and this state of affairs is due entirely to the students themselves. They seem to take very little, or truth to tell, no interest whatever in its success. They are always ready, however, to say something derogatory, if its contents do not exactly suit their fancy.