

Having verified the advisability of modifying the previous system of conducting the final examination, by separating it into two parts, one for the elementary, and one for the senior branches, inasmuch as thereby the labors of the candidate are materially lightened, this division will continue to be observed, unless in special cases, to meet particular wishes, the contrary be preferred, as a choice between the two will always be allowed. The elementary examination has generally been passed at the end of the third session, the senior at the close of the fourth. There is thus left a full year intervening, during which the person may apply himself to the unembarrassed study of those branches, upon the practice of which he is in due time to enter. The single examination, formerly universal, is thus halved, and each portion is confined to four branches. The advantages that accrue from this alteration are shared by both junior and senior students. Neither is confused by a burthening of the memory with the minutæ of topics, on which at the time he is not to be examined; while both can render a more undivided attention to the branches immediately concerned.

Aware of the high importance of teaching by demonstration, as from it flow the most successful results in attempts to imprint upon the acquiring mind that which will in practice prove to be most profitable and most lasting, appeals whenever admissible will be made as well to the eye as to the ear; and the Faculty rejoices to state that each succeeding year places at its disposal auxiliary means of achieving this desideratum, and consequently of obtaining a more practical character for its mode of imparting information. Its sources for illustration may be chiefly comprised under the following heads:—

## HOSPITALS.

1st. THE MONTREAL GENERAL HOSPITAL.—This spacious and commodious building, situated upon Dorchester and St. Dominique Streets, possesses very extensive accommodations, but is never more than partly occupied. The number of patients has been daily during the past year from 70 to 110, with about 260 new admis-