

Works done least rapidly Art most cherishes.

Thyself shall afford the example Giotto!

Thy one work, not to decrease or diminish,

Done at a stroke, was just (was it not?) 'O'

Thy great Campanile is still to finish.

The College, the University and the Community

I do not wish to say much about the importance of a College of Liberal Arts and Pure Sciences in the University and in the Community. There are, however, some commonplaces which should be called to mind constantly. It is so easy to overlook ~~the~~ commonplaces! The College of the present day has, then, three great apparent uses and they are these. (1) The education of teachers for the higher positions in the Public Schools and the very intensive education of a few specially promising young scholars for University positions. McGill must, for reasons we shall see a little later, be prepared to do more of this work in the future than in the past. (2) The preliminary training of students who intend to proceed into the learned professions, Medicine, Law, Theology and Engineering. All students entering the Medical Faculty now require three years in the College and some of them take the full four years, virtually all students entering Law and Theology require a Bachelor's degree and those entering the Faculty of Engineering require one year of preliminary training and this requirement, I suggest, might very well be raised to two years. It is apparent, therefore, that by the time the student has come through the High School and his preliminary work in the University, his habits and methods of study and work are fixed, or nearly so, and will therefore remain fixed or nearly so throughout all his years in the professional faculties and indeed, throughout his whole life. The success of the professional faculties depends,