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Editorials.

THE BAR EXAMINATIONS.

We had occasion sometime ago to refer adversely to the new regulations passed by the Bar of this Province to govern the examinations, both for admission to the study and practice of law. Since our last article was written the first of these examinations has been held under the new rules, and we see no reason to change our opinion as then expressed. The whole principle is a bad one, and until the Bar can make adequate provision for a more general and a more searching written examination, we maintain they have

no right to exclude a man from an oral because of his failure in one subject.

While upon this subject, we would suggest to the Law Faculty in McGill that the subject of Municipal Law be made a part of the course. It is without doubt an important part of our law, sufficiently obscure and confused to require some explanation, and is now obligatory at the Bar examination. Besides, all the students who come to McGill do not practice in cities, but some in country parts, where an intimate knowledge of the Municipal Code is absolutely essential.

THE WORK OF DEATH.

Within the past few weeks McGill University has lost two of her most devoted friends. The wise counsel of the Hon. Mr. Justice Torrance will be sorely missed on her Board of Governors, and the energetic and self-sacrificing work of Mr. Ramsay in behalf of his *alma mater* will, so long as McGill lasts, be often remembered by those who shall in future guide her destinies. We mourn in common with every graduate of McGill that two such useful lives have been lost, even at the time they were battling for the interests which we, as English Protestants in Quebec, hold high above all others. Our sorrow will be best expressed by a manful and a persistent effort to find men equally disinterested and equally wise to carry on the work which these men in their lifetime held very dear.

The time has come when the graduates of the University should make an effort for larger representation on the Board of Governors, and we trust that immediate steps will be taken in this connection to ensure the appointment of men who will be as earnest in their devotion to the interests of the University as is the great body of her graduates.

THE PRELIMINARY BAR EXAMINATION.

Anything more careless or more discouraging than the attitude of the English Bar of this Province as regards this examination, it would be difficult to imagine. Too careless to inquire into the merits of the case, they have allowed their French confrères to impose upon English students their system of education. No sooner is the charge made than we hear upon all sides the stock objection, "oh, we are in