

institutions on this Continent, but also in Great Britain and Ireland.* The students were quiet and attentive.†

The writer has also often attended the practice of the general hospital during the last four years. Here he may be allowed to be a judge, and he hesitates not to say that he never witnessed more scientific or successful practice, than in this establishment. Several of the capital surgical operations would be applauded in London, Dublin, or Edinburgh.

There is a select medical library for the students, and a small, but growing museum of Morbid preparations; and much care is devoted to their instruction in practical anatomy, for which adequate facilities are afforded at a reasonable rate. This year a class in Natural History has been established by the Principal of the university, to which the medical students have free admission.

Such is the weakness of human nature that when there are rival interests in any corporation, there will be at least a tinge of envy, and its disreputable accompaniments. The writer has great pleasure in stating that he has not seen any manifestation of this feeling among the McGill Professors. On the contrary, they are liberal and harmonious; and, on the occasion of a late fatal accident to one of the number, his brethren watched over and administered to him with the greatest tenderness.

The character of the medical education attainable here appears to be now more justly appreciated than it used to be, and the number of students of late years has doubled or trebled. But the faculties of arts and law still have few pupils; although there are some indications of improvement in this respect. A gentleman of great ability, high character, and diversified attainments, has lately been appointed Principal, and purposes to reside in the college, on the side of the beautiful and guardian mountain. Here several improvements and repairs, in the buildings and grounds, are to be commenced in spring; including a direct avenue from Sherbrooke street. The people of this great city are directly interested in this matter, for the expenditure of a little money, under the guidance of taste, might make these grounds a most agreeable and salutary resort for them and their families; and a very beautiful semi-circular road, for riding or driving, might be constructed from the con-

chases of Englishmen, will be smoked and shrivelled into the dimensions of the Spanish and Portuguese."

{The writer has heard the director general of the army medical department, express his approval of the system of medical education here, and say, more than once, the young men trained in the McGill College, were amongst the most promising of the medical officers under his superintendence.