

cial Assignees, and in spite of the extra price, our subscription list is as large as ever. But we are not content that our successors should have any easier time than ourselves, consequently—as will be seen in another column—we have, *without increasing the price*, increased the size of our paper, by adding a cover, putting what advertisements we may have on it, and giving the space in the body of the paper now taken up by them to extra reading matter. In order to meet this extra expense we will need more *paying* subscribers, and therefore hope that our appeal to the students will find a ready response.

APPARENTLY the matriculation examination in Queen's as a matriculation is almost become a farce. We are informed in our calendar that, though not under certain circumstances necessary to graduation, it still has its advantages, one of these being, we are informed, that the student who matriculates is eligible for a scholarship. When a statement is put in this form, we presume that it is also intended to mean that a non-matriculant is not so eligible. This previously has been the belief, and in fact otherwise the statement is meaningless. This spring, however, at least two scholarships have been awarded to gentlemen who had never previously passed an examination in Queen's, and who never were in any way matriculated students. Now, however deserving they may have been, we contend that it is a bad precedent to establish and one that cannot but do harm. The principle is a bad one, and we hope it is not now too late to correct it. If, however, it remain as it is, we would advise all intending students—excepting those able to carry off matriculation scholarships—to neglect the matriculation work entirely, and before they enter get up as much as possible of the work of the classes they intend to take in their first year. With this aid they will be all the more able

to take a high rank, and if equal in brain power will have little or no trouble in taking both class prize and scholarship from those deluded youths who, acting by advice of the calendar, spent their time before entering in getting up matriculation work.

THANK you—that is if you are a subscriber who have paid up your subscription; or if you are a contributor who, having compassion on us and our readers, kindly volunteered “original selections,” literary articles, etc., thus relieving us somewhat of the wear and tear consequent on our editorial position; or if you are one of our advertisers, for patronizing our JOURNAL as an aid to your business; or even if you are the exchange editor of one of our contemporaries, if from you we have received kindly notices and encouraging words, mingled occasionally we suppose with gentle reproofs; but especially if you are our printer, than whom no one could be more obliging and attentive and who have ever acted as though in a printing office nothing could happen in any wise to ruffle a mortal's temper. In fact we thank you, unless you are a delinquent subscriber, or an unfair critic, or one of those blots (insignificant ones we are glad to say) on the freshman class who, loud in their complaints about us, try at the close of the season to effect a compromise as to the amount due. We are glad to be able to state, however, that the majority of our readers, remembering our youth and innocence, have sufficient consideration not to expect from us either the wisdom or sobriety of old age, and to these all we say, that if ever again in after years any of us find occasion to embark once more in a journalistic vessel, we hope he may have as pleasant an experience as that which this number of the JOURNAL terminates.

These two lines that look so solemn,
Are put in here to fill this column.