

The failure of a large number of the new men to pass the matriculation examination is significant. It is no more than fair to say that their average attainments are equal to those of students in former years, but the standard has been raised.

When better acquainted with the difficult studies of the course, the necessity of a good foundation will be more clearly seen, and a higher matriculation commended most by these same individuals, some of whom are now inclined to complain.

During the summer, Dr. Macauley, '88, Dr. Shaw '94, and Dr. Darling '90, visited Montreal.

Mr. Regan '95 will not return until next session.

The long lost genial Sherman Cleaves is found. All extend a hearty welcome.

Anatomy at 7.50 a.m.!! "Kit" is negotiating the purchase of a fire alarm bell. He also has in view a patent apparatus for hanging clothes upon, similar to the harness holders now in use by the Fire Department. With these improvements we are assured no student need miss breakfast.

The eagerness of the Freshmen to purchase McGill ribbon on opening day, was explained later, when many were seen promenading with the fair sex. Truly, there is virtue in sailing under the right colors.

Nova Scotia sends another representative to divide honors with the only "Chinese Walter."

At a meeting of the class of '97 Mr. Cullen was elected chairman *pro tem*. Permanent elections for the year were as follows: President, Burns; Secretary-Treasurer, Connolly; Reporter, Bruneau.

A member of the Third Year is busily engaged in writing a novel entitled "The Mystery of an Express Wagon or Gaps in Memory." As it is largely biographical, we cannot, in view of the latter title, vouch for accuracy of detail.

We note with pleasure the neat appearance of the Students' room. To Frank's artistic abilities we owe the beautiful shade of green on the floor, so appropriate for the gambols (gambles) of the lambs.

Dr. Norman Taylor, '92, still keeps up his interest in McGill. Though located in the far West, he has already written, asking to have the FORTNIGHTLY sent to him.

## ATHLETICS.

### FOOT-BALL.

With the opening of another College year another Foot-ball season commences, and that, an important one in the history of Rugby Foot-Ball in the province of Quebec. Hitherto only the three city clubs have competed for the Senior Championship of this province, but this year the famous Ottawa College Club and also the Ottawa City Club are to compete for this honor. Already the season has commenced, and three Intermediate matches have been played, with the result that Montreal, Lennoxville and Ottawa College have beaten the Britannia, Quebec and Ottawa City clubs respectively.

This year McGill must make a great effort to win all, and especially the Senior Championship. This can only be done by everyone who really takes an interest in Foot-ball "turning" out and practising hard. This year McGill enters the Foot-ball field without the services of many of her old supporters, and as their places will have to be filled by new and junior men, the officers of the Foot-ball Club hope that everyone who plays the game will practise diligently. One feature which has been noticeable in other years is the half-hearted way in which some of the Senior team men practise, and another is the difficulty of getting good men out to play. All first class Foot-ball men owe it as a duty to their Alma Mater to turn out to the practices of their own accord, instead of having to be coaxed so to do. Senior men ought also to remember that, although they are superior to the other men with a small amount of practice, they are not able to compete with other Senior teams without doing good hard work. Again, some men think that they ought to be asked individually to play, and take it as an insult if they are not asked. Now, it should be perfectly obvious to these men that in a large institution like McGill it is often impossible to hunt them out; besides they must be aware that the Foot-ball officers have a great amount of other work to perform. Without doubt there are men in McGill to-day, who, if they turned out to practices, and worked hard, would enable the Club to place a team in the field which would not only win the championship of Quebec but also of Canada.

One word to new men:

Places can only be obtained on any team by proving by good work and hard practice that you are competent to fill them. In addition, junior men ought to remember, that although they may not obtain a place on one of the teams this year, they must not despair, but work hard in preparation for next year.

The officers for the present year are:

*Honorary President*.....Prof. Nicholson, B.Sc.