not taking the full course. The total number of new students, including those entering upon the 2nd year, is 123, being 20 new students more than last year.

Two important events are to be chronicled in the history of the Faculty for the past year:—

The first is that the class of students entering in 1894 and their successors will be required to take 4 sessions of 9 months length each, instead of 6 months only, like their predecessors, in order to attain the degree of M.D.

This change the Faculty deemed necessary for thorough professional training, in consequence of the rapid advances made in Medicine and Surgery, and the consequent accumulation of knowledge. It was supposed that the increase in the term would cause a decrease, at first, in the number of students. On the contrary, there has been a considerable addition, and the total in this Faculty is larger than ever before.

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The second event was the opening on January 8th, 1895, by your Excellency, of the new buildings due to the generosity of Mr. J. H. R. Molson.

On this occasion the Dean, Dr. Craik, gave a sketch of the history of the Faculty, tracing it to the Montreal Medical Institution, founded in 1824 by four of the attending physicians of the Montreal General Hospital, Drs. Robertson, Caldwell, Holmes and Stephenson, its first building being on the present site of the Bank of Montreal.

This Medical Institution became the Medical Faculty of the University in the session 1329-30. From about 1845 to 1851, the Faculty occupied what is now called the Centre, or Arts, building of the University, moving however to Coté street in 1851-2, and not returning to the University grounds until 1872, when a new building was erected for it by the Governors—the beginning of the extensive series of lecture rooms and laboratories which belong to it to-day.

## FACULTY OF ARTS.

The number of students in the Faculty of Arts is the same as last year; the want of adequate accommodation in