

We trust that all will return in good health, feeling in good trim for the work of the coming winter. The addition of Prof. Warriner to the teaching staff, and the improvements in the theological curriculum, augur a successful and profitable session.

To the *freshmen* we bid a hearty welcome. Remembering the maxim, that advice should "fall as the dew, not overwhelm as the torrent," we will refrain from using the prerogative of age and experience, and merely counsel those who are contemplating college life, to trust in God, and pay no regard to apparent obstacles. Pray for Divine guidance! Be assured of your *fitness*, as well as your longing, for the work of the Christian ministry, and then do not worry. Seeming difficulties will vanish like clouds before the sun.

We rejoice to learn that the prospects are good for a large freshman class. From the McGill calendar, we learn that there are between 70 and 80 matriculants in Arts at the June examination, and in the Science, almost as many as there were in the whole Faculty last session. The Law Faculty has been placed upon a permanent and substantial basis, by means of the McDonald endowment, and now includes in its Faculty names of the most prominent members of the Montreal bar. We are proud of our relationship with McGill, and delighted with her continued prosperity.

The public proceedings of the meeting of Convocation for conferring degrees, held last spring, have been published this year in pamphlet form.

The new student will find the following detailed statement of the steps introductory to college life very helpful to him. "*Alumnus*" has been over the road, and will not lead one astray.

#### *Jottings from the pen of a graduate.*

Soon the students will be returning to college from their summer fields. New men will be added to the number. The former have been initiated, the latter may find the notes a help. Of course you have made your application early, and arrived in Montreal in good time for Matriculation exams. at McGill. They begin at 9 a.m., Monday, Sept. 15th (see page 11, McGill calendar). Let us suppose you have left the train at either the G.T.R., or C.P.R. depot, and have had yourself and trunk conveyed to 58 McTavish street. You ring the bell (of course that is the proper thing to do, you are a freshman, you know; you will never need to do it again, unless locked out some night). Having reported yourself to the matron, you take temporary possession of a room. You are tired and thirsty perhaps, after your ride; but don't drink too much city water until you become used to it. As soon as you can do so, report to the Principal;

he will be glad to see you, and you will feel at once that he is a *student's friend*.

On Monday you fill the form for application given you by the Dean, and then proceed to pass the examinations. Lectures begin on Friday, the 19th. Before the expiration of two weeks, pay your fees to the Registrar, from whom you have already obtained a calendar, and show the tickets he gives you to the Dean. Buy the material for your gown at Carsley's, and have it made by Mrs. Fay, who resides over Dangerfield's shoe store, St. Catharine Street. Don't be afraid to ask questions of the old men.

Now you are partially settled, and are beginning to learn to "scorn delights and live laborious days." Learn to do it; don't try to accomplish it in one week, at the expense of a year. You will need your eyes and stomach when you leave College, as much as you will your brain; therefore take care of them. Take plenty of exercise and sleep.

Your main business now is study. Take good notes of lectures, and review them after; you are to be examined on *class work*, and good notes are a great help.

Don't forget the *reviews*. Close attention in the class-room means extra marks at examinations. Your main business is study, but you cannot afford to make that your only business. You desire to grow intellectually, physically, socially and spiritually; use every opportunity to improve in all ways; mix with men: observe them; be sociable; sustain an interest in College and University affairs; use the literary societies, reading rooms and libraries as much as possible; your ideal calls for a cultured as well as an intellectual man. The Athletic Association and gymnasium will help you physically, besides giving you a good opportunity of knowing the "fellows." You want to know them, for you have begun your life-work, and they have souls that need saving.

If you find that you cannot attend to all the societies, don't by any means drop the Y. M. C. A. The personal work you try to do can be helped by organized work, and this is the right place to do it. Help the officers by your presence, prayers and advice, besides what efforts you can put forth in the work. Join early.

With profuse apologies to all who consider this forward rather than helpful, I am,

AN ALUNNUS.

#### NOTES.

Mr. Wm. Gerrie spent two or three days with us; his health is much better. He reported having met three prospective students during the summer.

Rev. J. P. Gerrie, B.A., '88, the popular pastor of the Stratford church, paid us a flying visit last