

impure, injures the children not only through the lungs, but also by the infection of the food constantly exposed to myriads of germs which at once cause fermentation and decay, thus largely adding to the cause of the gastric and intestinal disorders that are the bane of the institution, as they are the chief factors in the marasmus or debility, and the death of nearly three-fourths of the whole number of infants dying in the present house.

"Medical advice cannot be better given than in urging the placing of the Home in a more suitable building, surrounded by healthful grounds for summer use; and I have been sadly convinced that medical treatment of any kind can prove of but little avail when opposed to such overwhelming forces as at present operate against us. After what experience has taught us, it needs no prophet to interpret the meaning of 42 deaths from infantile debility out of a total of 72; 30 of whom died under the age of one month. A properly ventilated building will remedy this to a very great extent."

We also notice the addition of three medical gentlemen to the staff, Drs. Ross, Wm. Osler and Gardner. This will give Dr. Bell much help in his duties, and we must congratulate the institution upon securing the services of such an able staff.

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## ANNUAL CALENDAR OF MCGILL COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY.

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The Calendar of the forty-third session of this University, commencing from September, 1875, is before us.

There have been several changes in the staff of the Medical Faculty, owing to the retirement of Dr. Campbell from the chair of Surgery, so eminently filled by this veteran for forty years; as also of Dr. Drake, whose health prevented him from continuing the duties of the chair of the Institutes of Medicine. Both these gentlemen were honored, on their retirement, with Emeritus Professorships; Dr. Fenwick taking the Chair of Theory and Practice of Surgery; Dr. Roddick, Clinical Surgery; Dr. Gardner, Medical jurisprudence. The only really new and important change as to the chairs themselves has been the erecting of the Lectureship of Hygiene into a Chair, which Dr. Robt. T. Godfrey, late Professor of Surgery in Bishop's College, Lennoxville, has