

On Thursday evening, Oct. 21st, the new course of lectures to students—at which, we understand, graduates also will be made welcome—will be opened with a lecture by T. Sterry Hunt, LL. D., (Cantab.) F. R. S., on the Iron Industries, a subject of which, no one is more competent to treat than the distinguished scientist, who has consented to deliver the inaugural lecture. It is to be hoped that when the faculty is making such efforts, on behalf of the students, these will show their appreciation of these endeavors, by a large attendance.

While upon the subject of this faculty, we may add that an Engineering Laboratory, will probably be the next addition to its efficiency. But little is required, except an engine and a few instruments for accurate measurement. Should there be any philanthropic mind seeking to do good, we hope it will give this idea some consideration. We intend in some future issue, to revert to this subject.

#### THE LAW FACULTY.

The changes that have been made in the regulations of this Faculty since last session claim some short notice at our hands. The alterations, so far as we see, are two, namely: in the hour when the lectures are given, and the division of the course of study.

To speak of the latter first, we consider it an excellent move, and perhaps only those who have attended the lectures are capable of appreciating the change. Formerly, about six subjects were taken up at the beginning of the session in October, and the lectures on each were continued throughout the whole college year with the examination at the end in March. It was difficult for a student to concentrate enough time and attention to any one of the branches to give him a clear insight into it, and the fact of the subjects being more or less nearly allied to each other, was not calculated to keep one's knowledge as distinct as desirable. The idea now adopted, that is, of taking up only three or four branches during the first term, giving the lectures on each more frequently, and having an examination on the work of the term at Christmas, is a good one, and will, we are sure, be not only beneficial to the students, but make the Professors' task an easier and more interesting one. An occasional grind at the beginning of the lecture hour, such as is now given by the Professor of Civil Procedure, would be a help to the students and appreciated by most of them.

The other change referred to is one on which there is likely to be more difference of opinion. Instead of the hours being from four to six, they are now from half past four to half past six. We know that it is

very difficult to please all in a matter of this nature, and that some professors and students found it inconvenient to leave their offices as early as four o'clock, but the alteration of the time of meeting makes the closing too late and the tendency will be to cut down the length of the second lecture. We fear that a lecture in the morning, at any rate in the present quarters, would seriously interfere with the other duties of many, particularly those attending lectures in Arts; so that we think the present time should be given a good trial, especially as we feel confident that the Faculty is desirous of meeting the needs of all as far as is possible and of doing what it can to improve the course.

#### THE CHAIR OF MIDWIFERY IN MCGILL UNIVERSITY.

Under this heading, the *Canada Medical Journal* for October notices the change that has been made in the above-mentioned chair, and in that connection goes on to say,—“Dr. James C. Cameron, late Professor of Obstetrics in Bishop's College, has, ever since he graduated in McGill, paid special attention to obstetrics. Shortly after graduating he spent a considerable time in the Rotunda Hospital, Dublin, and quite recently he acted as assistant in Professor Braun's obstetrical wards in the Allgemeine Krankenhaus, in Vienna. This, the great midwifery school of the world at the present day, offers advantages that are not elsewhere attainable. Dr. Cameron is well known as a clear, forcible and enthusiastic teacher. He has a field before him of unlimited usefulness, and it is our earnest wish that he may long live to cultivate it.”

Dr. Cameron is entering upon his duties with much enthusiasm, which shows itself in a very practical manner. He has brought out with him from the ‘old country’ the most complete set of papier-maché casts that has ever been brought to America.

In addition to these casts, he has imported several wax models from Paris and a complete outfit of German instruments, of beautiful workmanship.

Thus fully equipped, Dr. Cameron should make of still greater interest what has hitherto been an interesting study, and should turn out students thoroughly trained in the theory and practice of obstetrics.

We wish him success and the appreciation of the students for the efforts he is making in their behalf.

#### OBITUARIES.

McGill has had occasion to mourn the death of two of her most worthy sons. As the students already know, especially those of the Arts Faculty, Mr. Thomas Pritchard was drowned on the 16th of June, at