

it burning brightly by the oil of research and careful observation, and that this great University might retain in the van the place it had gained by hard work and perseverance. He eloquently urged the necessity for a higher ideal than the results in dollars and cents, that of seeking knowledge for its own sake, even though the millenium were necessary to a full realization of this ideal, and closed his intensely interesting address with the always timely words of the wise man: "Happy is the man that findeth wisdom and the man that getteth understanding, for the merchandise of it is better than the merchandise of silver and the gain thereof than fine gold."

When the applause which greeted the inspiring peroration had somewhat subsided, Mr. A. C. L. Fox, '98, in a neatly worded speech referred to the unique position held by Dr. Shepherd in the hearts of the students of McGill, and proposed a vote of thanks to Dr. Shepherd and Mr. Jackson for the addresses of the evening. Mr. A. H. Gordon, '99, seconded the motion in fitting terms, and it was carried most heartily. Dr. Shepherd and Mr. Jackson made short replies.

The actual business of the evening was concluded at this stage, and on the invitation of the Hon. President, adjournment was made to allow the serving of refreshments such as the average medical student does thoroughly enjoy. An opportunity was soon found to propose the health of the host, and none could be more enthusiastically honoured. Dr. Shepherd thanked the members for their kindly references, but would omit a speech. In lieu thereof the members from Professor to Freshman join in a social chat, and incidents of early college years made a theme from which all were loth to part.

This meeting closes for the session the regular fortnightly programme, and the annual meeting occurs after the holidays on Friday, April 15th.

MCGILL APPLIED SCIENCE TECHNICAL SOCIETY.

What we are pleased to consider a very important society has been organized in the Faculty of Applied Science, and will probably

be called the Applied Science Technical Society. The idea of such an organization of Science students was first entertained by several of the Professors, especially Prof. C. B. Smith, who did much to bring the matter clearly before the students, and pointed out the advantages of such a society. That they are many and great we must admit. Besides forming a bond of unity between members as undergraduates, encouraging original research work, inculcating in the minds of the students the necessity of self-reliance in all their work, the defence of their carefully thought-out opinions on engineering work in the discussion following the reading of papers, and the criticism, adverse perhaps, called forth, the Technical Society aims to retain a knowledge of the whereabouts of all graduates of the Faculty, and carry on the good work now conducted by the Graduates' Society. It is also understood that both the Graduates' Society and the Mining Society shall, after a years' existence have proved that the Technical Society is successful in its operation, merge into one, and all three work together to one end.

Much therefore depends on the success of next year's work. On the Executive Committee will fall the largest share of responsibility, but each individual student is responsible as well. Considering the advantages to be gained and the smallness of the yearly fee, every man in the Faculty should become a member immediately, not only from present considerations, but also from the fact that such a connection will greatly brighten the future prospects of the young engineer. The "Rensselaer Society of Engineers," of New York, is a similar organization. It was organized in 1866, and now enrolls as members some of the best engineers of the United States. Mutual assistance is the ruling feature, and every preference is given to members of the Society before all others. This is the condition we anticipate for our society. When present undergraduates shall have attained eminence in the engineering profession they will be in a position to offer assistance to their younger brothers, and to whom should they offer it if not to members of the Society of which they are life members and in which they worked while students at McGill?