

Medical College.

IN MEMORIAM.

ON Thursday, 9th instant, there passed to the great beyond, Dr. David Cunningham, one of Kingston's most popular physicians and one who was fast gaining an enviable eminence in his chosen profession. He had been ill for some time, and had returned about a fortnight before his demise from Colorado, where he had gone in search of health. Though it was understood that his disease would eventually prove fatal, his sudden death came as a terrible shock to his friends.

Dr. Cunningham was a Kingstonian by birth, and received his education in the public schools, the collegiate institute, and Queen's University. After a brilliant course in the collegiate, he entered Queen's in 1883. During his college course he had many disadvantages to labor against. In fact deceased, like so many others who have gone through Queen's, was a self-made man, and was employed during the summer as putser on the "Norseman," and so did not get back to college till late in the fall each year. In spite of every obstacle he graduated B.A. in 1887, and M.D. in 1890, obtaining both degrees before he had attained his majority. The following year he devoted himself to the study of zoology, and carried off first-class honours in this department. The following session he was appointed lecturer on junior biology under Rev. Professor Fowler. Then he was made assistant to Professor Knight in physiology, which position he filled for four years with credit to himself and the college. He was next advanced to the chair of junior practice of medicine and jurisprudence, which position he held until forced by illness to resign. He was also on the staff of the general hospital, and was surgeon to the Kingston field battery.

It is not our intention to write a panegyric to the memory of our beloved professor—the spotless record which he leaves behind after nearly eight year's practice, and the host of grateful friends and patients who mourn him, will do more to keep his memory green than any words of ours.

ANNUAL DINNER.

The annual dinner of the faculty and students of Queen's Medical department is an event which is looked forward to with no small amount of pleasurable anticipation by all concerned. Certainly this year's dinner was quite up to the average, in fact by many is considered as the best yet.

The spacious dining-room of the Hotel Frontenac was tastefully decorated for the occasion, Queen's colors being in evidence everywhere. They hung

in graceful festoons from the ceiling, were twined about the pillars, and immediately behind the "Old Man's" chair was displayed a banner decorated with the historic skull and crossbones. The tables were arranged in the form of a hollow square, and inside were tables for the freshmen and sophomores, while at the sides of the square sat the juniors and seniors, the faculty and guests occupying the seats of honour at the head of the table.

About nine o'clock President Elliott gave the word and the faculty, guests, and students, in order of seniority, proceeded to the dining-room. On the President's right sat Principal Grant, Dr. Clarke, Mayor Skinner, and Dr. Herald; on his left, Dr. Smythe, Hon. Senator Sullivan, M.D., and Dr. Third.

After the excellent menu had been fully discussed, President Elliott, in a few well-chosen words, proposed the first toast, "The Queen," which was duly honoured. H. V. Malone, B.A., proposed "The Dominion," and B. M. Britton, Q.C., M.P., responded. He showed how Canada had been brought before the notice of the whole world this year, how she had been honoured in the Diamond Jubilee, and spoke of the great future before her—a future which the medical profession had a large share in shaping. He exhorted his hearers to remain loyal Canadians wherever they might settle.

C. O'Connor, in an able speech, proposed the toast, "Queen's and her Faculties," expressing the devotion of the students to Queen's, and referring feelingly to the late Professor Cunningham. Principal Grant replied. He said that Dr. Cunningham's death had so overcome him that he could hardly speak or think of anything else. He gave a short history of Queen's Medical College. It was the first college to open its doors as a public university in the province. It was broad and liberal to all, and was independent of any political control—it was above such things. It was essentially a self-governing institution, and this fact should inculcate into the students the practice of self-government—and of what use is all our college training if we cannot govern ourselves? It was twenty years since he became Principal, and he could look back with pride over the long list of Queen's graduates, all of whom were fighting creditably and honourably the battle of life.

Dr. Anglin replied briefly on behalf of the Medical Faculty. He spoke of the humble origin of this faculty, of its growth, and the enviable position which it now holds. Its graduates scattered over the entire world are doing a grand work, and many of them have won fame and distinction. There is no hardship too great to endure if only they can alleviate the distress of suffering humanity.