

What about the Graduating Class dinner? Let us hope that this good old custom may not be passed over by the Class of '93.

We are glad to note that the rumors regarding large donations to medicine are founded on fact. Through the generosity of one or more of Montreal's merchant princes, the "grand old faculty of McGill" will be enabled not only to maintain that excellence of teaching which has always marked her, but will also step forward, adding new laboratories and appliances. It is said that alterations in the present building of an extensive nature are now being pursued, and that by the opening of the sixty-first Annual Session in October next, all will be completed.

What charming dreams of student days in old McGill will flit across the minds of the graduating class during the week preceding April 1st, when in idle revelry they gaze upon old note books.

Dr. Cameron received loud and prolonged applause a few days ago upon making his farewell bow to the final men. The lectures, and clinics of the professor of Obstetrics are not to be equalled on the Continent. His calm, comprehensive and painstaking methods shall ever be remembered by those whose privilege it has been to listen.

Dr. Stewart spoke encouraging words at the close of his final clinic, reminding the men, that in the diagnosing of cases method was essential even more than speed. During the session just ended, the professor of Clinical Medicine has day after day given largely of his time and energy, not only to the hospital patients entrusted to his care, but also to a great body of Students who constantly followed in his train. The result has been, that never in the history of the hospital has better clinical work been carried on. The graduating class in Medicine feels truly grateful, and shall not soon forget the matured intellect and calm judgment of him whom they shall proudly call their preceptor.

It is to be regretted that steps have not yet been taken in the direction of erecting a tablet in the medical building to the memory of the late lamented professor of Medicine, Dr. George Ross. With the outgoing of the present graduating class, reminiscences of his great clinical teaching and lecturing cease amongst the students.

A continuation of the excellent article entitled "Innocents Abroad" will be found in this issue of the FORTNIGHTLY. The writers deserve the thanks of the medical students, particularly of the present graduating class, for whose special benefit they are inserted.

The examination of the eye by focal illumination is easily learned, and the importance of knowing how to do it was suggested a few days ago by Dr. Buller.

One of the examiners was heard to say a few days ago, that the present final year men were the most intelligent and best qualified he had ever seen pass out of McGill.

The Governors of the Montreal General Hospital are not being canvassed as much this year as usual. Such a condition of things is good. The appointments to the house staff ought to be a matter of selection not of election. By selection is not meant those who at the last moment have memorized the contents of a text-book, without regard of any other consideration.

From a private letter from Sir Wm. Dawson, it is learned that the much cherished Principal of McGill is largely restored in health. It is altogether likely that by Convocation there will be absolute truth in the statement that there is nothing the matter with Sir William—that, in fact, he is all right.

LEGAL BRIEFS.

The Poet has abandoned the Muses for an indefinite period, and may be seen any evening from this date till the twenty-fifth of April, seated in his room on two copies of the Revised Statutes, studying diligently numerous copies of the Code.

The Code Napoleon has been set to rhyme; he may be contemplating a similar effort!

The Criminal Code 1892 still continues to be handled without gloves by various organs. Our friend the *Witness* was full of righteous rage the other night over the provisions relating to the possibility of a violation of Sunday observance contained in Art. 729. We cannot discuss the point with you, as our lectures have not as yet extended to that important section, but we are getting there *rapidly*, and the Code will in all probability receive even rougher treatment at our hands on the afternoon of Saturday the 1st of April.

We proceed to quote from the article of the *Witness*, which may apply even in our case:—

"The prisoner is acquitted perhaps, then hurrahs drinks.....a drive through the streets, perhaps—a triumph!—or, it may be, all this for nothing as the Judge may not have agreed." (The whole respectfully submitted).

Prof. (to student)—"What's the matter? Let the man in. What can we do for you, sir?"

Workman.—"Come to obtain the record of the gas meter, your Honor."

Prof. (sadly).—"When one man comes to examine the meter I suppose the other must turn off the gas."

By the way, who is Mrs. Malone? She made her appearance long before the 17th of March.

"Gentlemen of the Jury" said a Minnesota judge, "murder is where a man is murderously killed. The killer in such case is a murderer. Now, murder by poison is just as much murder as murder with a gun, pistol or knife. It is the simple act of murdering that constitutes murder in the eye of the law. Don't let the idea of murder and manslaughter confound you. Murder is one thing, manslaughter is another."