

tory result, as the region would not then be as strong as in Bassini's.

The possible injury to the cord is more than counterbalanced by the excellent results following Bassini's method; Bull and Coley reporting 300 cases with only seven lapses.

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THE MEDICAL STUDENTS' ANNUAL DINNER.

IN the City Hall on the evening of Tuesday, December 22nd, the Medical Students of Queen's University held their Annual Dinner. As usual with the Medical Students' gatherings everything passed off most successfully. It is not our intention to report *in extenso* the proceedings on that occasion, but to give to those interested in Medical Education a synopsis of what was said by Dr. Fowler, the worthy and beloved Dean of Queen's Medical Faculty, regarding the origin of this Medical School. The Dean replied to the toast of Queen's University and her Faculties, and after a few introductory remarks proceeded as follows:—

In the early summer time, of the year 1854, the Medical Faculty of Queen's University was first formed under somewhat remarkable circumstances. It is scarcely imaginable that such a condition as led to the formation of this Faculty could exist at the present day.

Several students of medicine, who had spent three sessions pursuing their studies in a city west of Kingston, which does and always did pride itself in being exceptionally progressive, not only in educational matters, but in every other respect, were unable to obtain a degree in medicine, which they greatly coveted, unless they subscribed to certain religious tests which were thoroughly obnoxious to them. All honor should be paid to the noble fellows who indignantly refused to submit to such degradation. With one or two exceptions they have passed to their eternal rest.

A petition headed by Robert Douglas, a noble specimen of nature's gentlemen, was presented to Queen's College and the Medical profession of Kingston, praying them to come to their relief by establishing a Medical Faculty in Kingston. The University nobly responded, saying we will—and we will give all the aid and accommodation we can spare—and they did—they also said we will allow the Medical Faculty to retain all graduation and registration fees in full confidence that the Medical Faculty will do its very utmost to advance the cause of higher education; and at the same time entail no financial burdens on the University.

The Government of Canada, on application being made, through the late Sir John A. Macdonald, who was a staunch friend of the Collège, gave an annual grant to the Medical School at Kingston, absolutely refusing to give it to the University, and by the receipt of