

procession, bearing on their shoulders a large cushion some four feet in diameter, constructed out of natural carnations, violets and daffodils. This emblem was reverently laid at the foot of the statue, whilst all stood around in reverent sympathy with uncovered heads. Attached to the cushion, with a piece of McGill ribbon, was a card bearing the inscription: "A token of life-long veneration and esteem from her loving and faithful subjects, the McGill Medical Students."

By this patriotic and sympathetic act, McGill stands as the embodiment of that sincere sympathy which animates the breasts of all medical faculties, all student bodies and the entire medical profession in the Dominion of Canada throughout.

The Queen is dead! Long Live the King!

PATENT MEDICINE LEGISLATION.

A bill is to be introduced during the present session of the Legislature which aims to control to some extent the sale of patent medicines in the Province. The principal provision compels every manufacturer, putting up such preparations to take out a license, for which \$1,000 will be charged, and is designed, apparently, for the protection of the public against irresponsible persons placing, useless or harmful mixtures upon the market. In reality, it appears to us the intention of the framers of the bill is to freeze out, by the enactment of a large license fee, all the small concerns, so that the large firms may have the dear public, in whom they are so interested, more entirely under their care.

It would be well before any legislation in this line is enacted, that the whole subject of patent medicines should be gone into and some means provided for the intelligent supervision of the entirely irresponsible and often ignorant manufacturers of these "cure-alls." We hear constantly urged as an argument against the liquor traffic, the enormous waste of money it involves and the harm done its victims. It is doubtful if as much money is not thrown away on the purchase of so-called consumption cures, kidney cures, female cures and hundreds of other cures, most of which are of absolutely no use for the purpose for which they are advertised nor for any other, and it is further doubtful if more harm is not done by the patent medicine men than by the "rum sellers." That there are honorable firms engaged in the business is true, but that there are also many men who advertise and push remedies which they know to be useless and often harmful is likewise true. Cures for consumption are advertised, and the money which should provide food to go into the poor victim's stomach, goes into the pocket