

in the place every day in the week. Mr. Inksetter superintended everything relating to the comfort of those present, and it is needless to say that under his direction all went well.

Over sixty students were present, which is considerably beyond the number usually present on those occasions. Besides the students of medicine attending the University, several invited guests were present. Among the latter were Dr. Burland and Dr. Bell, surgeon and assistant surgeon of the Montreal General Hospital; Mr. Nelson from Bishop's College, and Mr. Wood from the Faculty of Arts. Mr. Sutherland was chairman, and Mr. Ross occupied the vice-chair. The bill-of-fare was very lengthy, its contents beginning with the oyster soup and concluding with grapes and almonds, or, as Horace would have it, *ab ovo ad malum*. An idea of what a variety of good things was placed on the festive board may be gathered from the fact that it took almost two hours to do justice to everything.

When everything had been partaken of, and the cravings of the inner-man satisfied, the chairman in a few very appropriate remarks explained the object of the gathering. It was to introduce the Freshmen to the older students, and to place them on a footing of equality with their predecessors in the college. This was the first time we had the pleasure of meeting them and shaking them by the hand in a spirit of fraternal salutation. He hoped that the good feelings of this evening, which he saw in the faces of all about him, would not end on the threshold of the Carlton, but would accompany them to the college halls, and light up a glow of warm friendship. He need scarcely, however, urge this, for indeed students as a class were well known to entertain towards each other an affection which might almost be called brotherly in its manifestations and results. He concluded his remarks by proposing the first toast of the evening, "The Queen." This was followed by a song, "England's Queen" by Mr. Denier who accompanied himself on the piano. Mr. Denier played and sang in very good taste and received a hearty *encore*. The next toast, "The Governor-General" was responded to by Mr. McEvenue, who, as an Irishman, represented Lord Dufferin, and Mr. McEachern, being a Macallum More, replied for the Marquis of Lorne. Both these gentlemen made very good speeches, and were ap-

plauded to the echo. *Alma Mater* elicited a brilliant reply from Mr. R. T. E. McDonald. He sketched the history of the late Mr. James McGill, the founder of the University, giving all the salient points in his character; and paid a high tribute to his many virtues both of head and heart. "The President of the United States," was responded to by Dr. Jackson, and was listened to with profound attention throughout. Dr. Jackson spoke feelingly of the President, and held him up as an example to be followed by young men entering life. We are sorry we cannot allow space for some of the speeches, as many were of intrinsic value, and full of much useful information and practical hints for everybody, and particularly for students. The toast of "The Freshmen" was followed by a few remarks from Mr. Howar-I, son of Dr. Howard, Professor of Medicine in McGill. His maiden speech, as a Medical student, was well received, and was honoured by the usual outburst of applause. Mr. J. L. Brown made quite a humorous reply to the "Dean and Professors;" and, if we are not mistaken, expressed a wish that at future dinners our worthy tutors would find it convenient to be present, as he had no doubt, in the language of newspaper advertisements, they would hear something to their advantage.

Dr. Burland, the good-natured house surgeon of the Montreal General Hospital, responded to the toast for that institution. He gave the audience a short historical sketch of the Footing Dinner, how it originated, together with its gradual growth and development till the present time, when it may be said to have come almost to maturity. As is usual with everything, it was conducted at first on a small scale; but in process of time it had attained its present magnificence. He wished success to all future footing dinners, and hoped the shadows of the students of McGill would never grow less. Then followed speeches from Mr. McCulley and Dr. Bell, in reply to "Sister Universities" and "Our Graduates."

The toast for "The Ladies" was drunk with much enthusiasm. Mr. Henderson advocated their claims in a speech of some length. He said that Medical students, *par excellence*, were the champions of the ladies. He said that the days of chivalry were not yet extinct, although declared to be so some time ago by a great orator and statesman. He referred to the interest always shown by the ladies in every-