

The graduating class of Science assembled at "The Balmoral" on Tuesday evening, the 29th April, to hold their last reunion, and, as has always been customary in Applied Science, to accept the hospitality of the coming years in the shape of a dinner.

At the appointed hour (the *late man* was, as usual, late, but appeared before the second course had been vanquished), under the guidance of Stone and Russell, as chairman and vice-chairman, they marched fearlessly to the attack, and the problem that soon presented itself to each one was, what is the value of "r" for M.E.!

Dinner over, an adjournment to the piano was made, and, in company with brethren from Arts, discoursed "sweet music" for the amusement, and we hope, edification of all spectators.

The "debris" of the feast having been removed, the intellectual part of the banquet was in order. Eloquent addresses were made and advice given by Messrs. Stone and Russell, while Shuttleworth, Mooney, and Rexford promised, on behalf of the class of '90, to do their utmost to follow the wise counsels of the Juniors.

### Societies.

#### THE GRADUATES' SOCIETY.

At a recent meeting the following resolution was adopted:—"That this Society desires to express the opinion that *ad eundem* degrees should be granted only in exceptional cases, and that every application should be considered on its merits."

At the Annual Meeting the following officers were elected:—

President..... W. T. Skaife.  
Vice-President..... Miss G. Hunter.  
Secretary..... W. Dixon (re-elected).  
Treasurer..... Prof. McLeod.

Resident Councillors:—C. J. Fleet, J. S. Hall, Miss Ritchie, W. Patterson, R. A. Dunton, Rev. F. M. Dewey.

Non-Resident Councillors:—Sir James Grant, Ottawa; W. J. Sproule, British Columbia; J. J. McLaren, Toronto.

It was resolved that the money held by the Society for the "Dawson Principalship Fund," be devoted to the establishment of a Fellowship, to be called—"The Dawson Fellowship."

A lengthy discussion took place on the question of higher matriculation. The following facts were elicited: That the aim of the Faculty is, first quality rather than quantity; they hoped to raise the requirements to 60% on the papers which are necessary to obtain the degree of A.A. That about one-third of the candidates fail at matriculation.

A committee, consisting of Dr. Mills, Dr. Kelly, and Rev. F. Dewey, were appointed to confer with representatives of the Faculty of Arts.

### Correspondence.

#### APPLIED SCIENCE.

*Editors University Gazette:—*

This, till about two months since, the infant Faculty of our University, has grown, from a very small beginning, to hold, at the present time, a place which is rapidly becoming first. Thanks to the untiring efforts of our worthy Dean, and generous benefactors, means have been forthcoming which promise, before long, to place us on an equal footing with the best technical schools in America.

But while Dean and benefactors have been doing their part, the students and graduates, reflecting that *esprit de corps* which has been so conspicuous in our department, have felt that they might assist in promoting the welfare of their Alma Mater by a combined effort to help her to that place to which she aspires, and which they proudly assert "she shall have." With this end in view, the class of '90, Science, have issued a circular to graduates and undergraduates alike, asking their co-operation, and on the plan that "union is strength," hope to enable the Faculty to more thoroughly equip the various departments.

The proposition is to issue circulars, with a subscription slip attached, containing a promise to pay so much per annum, say for five years, to a general fund. The interest alone of this would be available, and would be spent to assist that department, most urgently in need, according to the decision of the Faculty. Thus an equipment or improvement fund would be founded, and each undergraduate or graduate, adding his share from time to time, would soon augment the amount sufficiently to produce a very considerable annual income, and at the same time show that the students and graduates have the interest of their College at heart. Then, again, when the public see such an interest taken by students and graduates, the result will be increasing benefactions, and consequently increased usefulness and fame.

She has, in the past, thanks to the untiring efforts of a few faithful men and women, proudly held her own, and now advances, sweeping all obstacles from before her, in her irresistible march forward. The struggle for existence is now past, and a healthy growth is the order. To stimulate this is the duty and privilege of every son who proudly acknowledges his *Alma Mater*.

But especially to the students of Applied Science do we address ourselves. We would remind them of the proud position we already hold. Among our graduates are Professors of Colleges, and men holding the highest positions, both in our own country and in the neighboring Republic, so that to be a graduate of McGill is no mean responsibility to assume or dignity to uphold.

In the College life we hold the proud position of champions of the out-door sports, both football and hockey; and this we hand down to our followers, with an admonition to look well to it that it is not lost.

Our final year is the only one in the whole University that is annually banqueted by the junior