

there could be no effect without a cause. He gave a word of advice to the young men who were just entering their profession, and said that if they did not learn from nature in addition to what they learned from books, they would never be successful, but if, on the other hand, they studied the laws of nature thoroughly, this would, together with their college training, enable them to succeed. (Applause.)

Mr. A. D. NELSON and Mr. ALEX. MILLOY also briefly responded.

Mr. C. D. BALL proposed "The City Hospitals."

Dr. OSLER, who, on rising to respond, was received with applause, referred to the importance of the clinical instruction which the medical students received in our hospitals. Last year 2,200 patients were treated in the Montreal General Hospital alone, which was a much larger number in proportion to its size than in most other institutions. The house surgeon at the Massachusetts General Hospital at Boston recently informed him that about 2,400 patients had been treated in that hospital in one year, which was a much smaller proportion than in our institution, when it was considered that in the Boston institution they made up probably 250 beds each night. The success of the medical profession depended largely on the character of the hospitals within the reach of its students. Mr. Andrew Robertson, the President of the General Hospital, had said they hoped to proceed with the new wing shortly. (Applause.) The present building was not fully up to modern requirements, and he hoped that the citizens of Montreal would, before another five years, see that the city of Montreal, which was not only the commercial but the medical metropolis of Canada, was provided with a suitable institution. (Loud applause.)

Dr. GUERIN also responded on behalf of the Hotel Dieu, referring to the illustrious history of that institution, which was not only the pioneer institution, but the largest medical centre of the Dominion. (Applause.) The Hotel Dieu was cosmopolitan; it took in all, irrespective of nationality or creed, the only qualification required being illness. He concluded by singing the well-known college song, "Alma Mater," all joining in the chorus.

Mr. BALL then proposed "Our Graduates," which was responded to by Dr. Young, and Dr. Bell (Ottawa), the latter gentleman warning the

young men against the evils of the intoxicating cup.

Mr. BALL then gave "Our Freshmen."

Mr. E. A. PHELAN, responded. He said:—It gives me great pleasure to meet with you this evening for the first time and to have the honor of responding to such an important toast. You will no doubt be pleased to hear that the Freshmen class of '83 is the *largest* and the ladies say the *handsomest class* that has ever entered the College. We have been but a short time initiated into the science and mysteries of medicine, and, as we expected, we meet with a great many jaw-breaking, technical, names that to us are almost incomprehensible. Then there are the horrors of the dissecting room, which are enough to make strong men shrink from it with fear and deprive timid men of their senses; and it is no wonder that organ-grinders and rag-pickers do not stop as they pass by. (Applause). As Freshmen we have a very happy time, and are not bothered, like our seniors, with examinations, yet the first year is not the most desirable one of the four spent in college; for although we may study ever so hard and look as wise as the Clinical Professor at the Hospital, we are constantly reminded of the fact by our seniors that we are only Freshmen (Applause). But, gentlemen, even our wise and distinguished Professors were Freshmen once themselves, and had to take backseats, as we have to do, when the seniors are around. (Applause). And although we are *fresh* to-day, we live in hope that at some future period we will know *nearly* as much as our dignified and all-knowing seniors. (Applause). Now, gentlemen, if you are in want of medical advice do not endanger your precious lives by placing them in their hands; but wait patiently until the Freshmen class of '83 has graduated and *give us a chance to bleed you*. (Applause.) If I am not infringing too much on your valuable time I will give you a synopsis of some of the first lectures we attended, in order to give you some idea of the many trials we have to endure. Our worthy Professor of Materia Medica began with opium, saying that it was the inspissated juice obtained from the unripe capsule of "*Papaver Somniferum*," native of Asia Minor, cultivated in Briton, and eaten by the Chinese. In this way he continued, and before we had recovered our senses, he had gone through *Atropia Belladonna*, *Cannabus Indicus*, *Cinchona*, *Calisaya*, and St. Jacob's Oil (Loud Applause). Next came