

claimed by the Royal, and said they were real material ones. He closed an eloquent speech by eulogising medical students, than whom there was a no more genial class in existence. The Doctor was loudly applauded on retiring.

Dr. T. R. Dupuls spoke of the special advantage of a thorough Anatomical knowledge. That the Royal imparted such he knew. While in England the Secretary of the College of Surgeons of England, told him that this College had sent out good anatomists. What better proof is there than this, that our College is inferior to none.

Mr. J. H. Emery proposed "Queen's University." He spoke of the connection between it and the Royal.

Prof. Marshall, in responding, said that the branch of science he taught was more closely connected with medicine than most people thought. He told a story of the late Dr. Abercrombie and a lady, and in concluding said that he hoped a closer connection would be established between himself and the medical students.

[Ed.—In connection with the yarn about Abercrombie we might say that although we have never had such an experience we would highly enjoy a similar one, and as we are taught to emulate the shining lights of our profession, we certainly will at no far distant date endeavour to place ourselves in the evident position in which that distinguished surgeon once was.]

Prof. McGowan replied briefly, thanking the students for the very cordial reception which had been tendered him.

Prof. Fowler said that he considered the medical class the best he ever had under him. He had a great esteem for the medical profession and rejoiced that he was in such a position as to assist in training students for a noble cause.

Mr. E. Forrester proposed "Sister Universities," remarking that the good feeling existing between the different colleges and universities was a matter of congratulation.

Dr. Clarke said that once he considered that no good existed outside of Toronto. Since coming to Kingston he had changed his ideas and thought that Queen's University with Royal College represents the twin sister of Toronto University. He returned thanks for the manner in which the toast had been drunk.

Mr. W. G. Anglin proposed the Council, whom he described as legal guardians and bread and butter license givers of medical students.

Song—"Son of a Gambolier."

Dr. M. Lavell, in reply, stated the real nature of the Council, and how difficult it was to contend against the opposition which had beset it for some years. The Council had performed good work for sixteen years, and he hoped it would still continue to do so. He did not advocate wholesale prosecution of unlicensed quacks. In some remote communities they are useful and often are the only ones within many miles who can successfully baffle disease. Let those who are doing good, live to do further good, but those who in large and more civilized communities arise in opposition to talented men should be put down.

Dr. D. C. Hickey proposed the "Learned Professions." His speech, as usual, was overflowing with humor.

Dr. Saunders, in the absence of Dr. Fenwick, replied, maintaining that the army and navy should be included in the toast.

Mr. Cumberland proposed "Our Graduates," who have taken high positions wherever they have gone and are an honour to the College.

Dr. Henderson made an able and exhaustive speech, of which we have only room for the faintest notice. He said that the graduates of the Royal College were both numerous and influential. That many of them occupied most important positions and enjoyed very extensive and

lucrative practices in various parts of Canada; that among them were some of the greatest orators and finest public speakers in the Dominion. Hence it was with a great deal of diffidence that he, a recent graduate, undertook to reply for such a distinguished body of gentlemen. He congratulated the College upon its increased staff, and the additional importance attached to such subjects as sanitary science and hygiene. He also congratulated it upon the more commodious quarters into which it had recently been moved. These were all steps in the right direction, and he hoped that the students would derive much benefit from them. He suggested, however, that there were other improvements which might still be made. For example, he thought more attention might be paid to clinics than was at present the case, and more trouble should be taken to enable the students to profit by *post mortem* examinations. These, together with anatomy, formed the keystone to a correct diagnosis which was essential for the successful treatment of disease. From this he went on to speak of the proposed consolidation of universities and medical schools, of which he strongly disapproved. That experiment had been tried in France by the first Napoleon, and in the opinion of intelligent men had been one of the most potent causes of the humiliation of France as a nation. In Germany, with its many universities, the standard of skill and culture was higher. He also spoke unfavourably of the Ontario Medical Council as at present existing. A uniform standard of education at first sight appeared plausible; but there were numerous objections to its practical working. It necessitated a low and simple grade of examination if honesty were desired, and the latter appeared incompatible with the present high standard of examinations as authorized by the Council. It also failed to keep out quacks, and was an unfruitful tax upon the students and practitioners of this Province. Finally, he eulogised the late Dr. Diekson as the Nestor and the glory of the surgical profession in Kingston, and he trusted that his mantle would fall upon worthy shoulders.

Mr. J. Sterling proposed the health of the "Freshmen" in a neat and pretty speech.

Mr. Burdette said that although not yet well acquainted with the other students, from his brief acquaintance with them he and his fellow students approved of them. The longer they were acquainted no doubt the better they would respect one another.

Mr. Dunlop gave a recitation, which was loudly applauded.

Mr. R. Smith proposed the "Press." Replied to by Mr. R. W. Shannon, of the *News*, and J. Elliot, of the *Whig*.

Mr. R. Catwright proposed "Our Guests." Messrs. S. McCammon, F. C. Heath, B.A., J. Anderson, A. McLachlan, W. J. Shanks and J. O'Reilly, B.A., replied.

Mr. A. Forin proposed the "Ladies." Mr. Cumberland, Major Short and Mr. G. S. McGhie replied.

Dr. Stewart sang, "Green Grow the Rushes, O!" which received an encore.

Mr. Gordon McCammon gave "Our Host," to which Mr. Davis replied.

Dr. Sullivan proposed the health of Mr. Kidd, Mr. Young and Mr. Cumberland, who had discharged their duties in a satisfactory and able manner.

Thus came to an end the annual dinner, and it was as enjoyable as any ever held under the auspices of the medical profession in Kingston. No doubt many sore heads and painful stomachs were prevalent the following day, but "Boys will be boys," you know.

Next year there will be many faces absent. Many will have gone to dine upon the world and pocket the crusts. Although we enjoy a dinner we shudder at the crusts; however, it is better to have a crust than to have nothing.