

work aside and, moved by the same spirit of sympathy and admiration, come to salute our leaders and elder brethren in the profession, and to proclaim what all the world already knows, that they have deserved well of our profession and of our country.

"We raise our glasses with emotion, for we are honouring fifty years of study, of hard work and devotion to duty, when we drink to the health of Doctors Rottot, McCallum and Sir William Hingston. Yes! let us drink to their health, that for many long years to come they may remain among us the personification of professional success obtained by their application to duty, perseverance in devotion and integrity of character.

"Rise! gentlemen, and drink the health of our honoured guests."

The toast was received with great enthusiasm.

Dr. Rottot was first called upon to reply, which he did in the following terms:

"Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen:—

"With my thanks deign to accept also my most hearty congratulations for the complete success of this magnificent banquet to which you have summoned the three oldest physicians of Montreal, in order to do them honour and to reward them for, in the words of a dear Jesuit friend, having triumphed over death for more than seventy years. It is both discreet and prudent for me not to give the exact age of my comrades, as they might not be pleased if I did. We doctors so seldom triumph over our old enemy, Death, that we may feel tempted to accept these congratulations and to glorify ourselves for having so long succeeded in escaping death. But no! Let us rather bow down before the only Giver of all good and thank Him for the victory which is His alone and Who alone can make it last.

"This is, indeed, a rare sight—to see the professors and graduates of three different Universities assembled together on the same day and around the same table, in order to celebrate the golden wedding of three of their brethren,—a unique celebration in the history of our country. The twentieth century had reserved for us this surprise and this re-