

spirit of the times in which we live, and whatever restraint exists is that which in common with all christians we are bound to obey—those moral laws which are written in every man's conscience. Indeed to-day the world is agitated over the possible or impossible solutions of many great and important social problems. Efforts are being made to reconcile capital with labor. Well if the capitalists were to imitate the example of our good professors, there would be no room for complaint on the part of labor. Our capitalists have ever a kind and cheering word for their students: they are ever ready to do them not only kind turns but solid service. And I think I can safely say that nowhere more than in our school do the students respect and honor their devoted professors, none can be found more willing to obey or more eager to profit by their experience. Our preceptors have always commanded our esteem, and when we are consulted with respect to the standard of our school, we immediately point to the staff of men attached to it. We are deeply grateful to them, and we shall ever cherish in our heart of hearts the souvenir of our pleasant relations with them, and of the years which their kindness made not only years of marked steady and constant profit, but also years of unflinching attachment to our school and of undisturbed happiness. They trusted us as gentlemen, and now if we can say that they proved capital professors, capital men and capital friends, we hope they found in us the spirit of labor they desired to instill, and that they have not had reason to regret the implicit confidence they reposed in our honor. Under the guidance of our Dean, who has made himself so dear to us, we are perfectly satisfied that our school is destined to rank second to none in this country. We may have been frequently seen in a state of feverish anxiety, struggling with voluminous and ponderous works, and devouring "words of learned and thundering sound;" possibly some may wonder "how one small head can carry all we must know." It may be we are constantly verging on bankruptcy, that every decline in the money market affects our financial status, and that as a consequence our pockets are generally well lined with unpaid bills of every description. Others may construe this feeling of sadness we experience to-day into an exaggeration, as they only consider the sameness of our life, the anxiety aroused by examinations, the long and painful vigils when hour after hour is consumed in grind-

ing and being ground, the necessity there exists for our daily visits to the hospital, our short hours of rest, and possibly our circumscribed residence.

But I would respectfully submit, have we not our pleasures? Do we entirely ignore the healthy recreation which our magnificent Canadian winter affords? Is it necessary for me to refer to our annual dinners? to our processions? to the innumerable sources whence we derive amusement? My fellow-students will heartily substantiate the statement I now make that our last dinner was in every respect an unqualified triumph. The encomiums bestowed upon our Alma Mater by the representatives of Sister Universities, the eloquence with which our leading citizens spoke, their astonishment at the wonderful progress this school has achieved in a comparatively short period, the forcible manner in which, pointing out the unrivalled opportunities we enjoy, they urged us to continue firm in our allegiance to Bishop's, will certainly produce beneficial effects, increase the already large number of students following the lectures, and stamp our school as one of the best and most popular institutions in Montreal. So great is my respect for our Dean and his collaborators, so much do we owe them, so staunch are we in our affection for our school, that I believe myself incapable of ever doing justice to the feelings which naturally must find their place in a valedictory.

Show me a more cheerful spot than our amusement hall, a more attractive place than our Reading Room. Can I help regretting the pleasant hours there spent in useful conversation, or over our different games, or reviewing the points which had just possibly been brought out in a lecture.

In the Reading-Room more than elsewhere had I occasion to study the character of my fellow-students. There did I learn to appreciate their generous and sterling qualities of heart and mind; there did we bind fast the links of friendship and affection which unite us, and with all my heart and all my strength do I proclaim that notwithstanding the injurious and unjust manner in which our motives and actions are so often discussed and criticized, I shall be content to count no better or more honorable friends. I know their high moral character; I know their many virtues; I know how earnestly they have striven to uphold the fair and unblemished fame of this Institution. They understand the truth of the saying: