

about as much love and devotion as could be evoked by such semi-inanimate functions. Fancy a boy's love for a mother whose only care of him was to hear him "say his lessons" once a year and decorate him once in his lifetime with a ribbon around his neck! Fancy the love, loyalty, and devotion of a graduate to an *alma mater* which consisted of an examining board, and whose visible presence was manifested to him once in his lifetime—on graduation day! For the first twenty years of this period a somewhat more cordial bond existed in the fact that the students of the Toronto School of Medicine took their chemistry and natural history at University College, and that for a few years they occupied a building contiguous to that college. But, subsequently, other universities, realizing the importance of extending their roots so as to have a stronger hold throughout the province, offered inducements which attached the teaching colleges to themselves, and left the University of Toronto as a sort of institution upon which a few of the more brilliant students drew once a year for medals and scholarships and took their degrees. In the years 1883, '84, '85, and '86 the number of graduates were 10, 10, 14, and 16 respectively. University men eager to increase the influence of the university and to extend her benefits to all classes of the community were dissatisfied with this condition of things. A number of medical men imbued with love for their profession, and seeing great possibilities for scientific advancement of medicine and surgery, thought that sciences which in other countries are advancing with rapid strides, and in which deep and careful research is being carried on and great discoveries made, should be taught in the national university, and should not be left entirely to the exigencies of private individuals and the control of private corporations. Nor were these views confined to medical practitioners. Thoughtful and observant men in other walks of life cannot fail to notice the vast fields which await toilers in the medical sciences, and the blessings to humanity which will follow from their successful cultivation; and they know what aid and encouragement and stimulus the workers will receive from the support and assistance of a well-equipped university holding the position and standing of the University of Toronto. Con-

sequently, the medical faculty has received the warm and active support of the chancellor, of the vice-chancellor, of the late president of the university, of the present incumbent of that office, and of many of the professors of the other faculties, some of them during the negotiations for its re-establishment, and of others since it has been re-established. The Government having concurred in the views which led to the restoration of this faculty, offers were officially made by the Senate to the two medical colleges in Toronto to join on equal terms in its formation. Trinity Medical College refused, the Toronto School of Medicine accepted, and the medical faculty of the University of Toronto was restored in 1887.

In proceeding to speak of the advantages of this step to the public at large, to the profession, to the university, and to the students, I may be challenged with the imputation of not being a disinterested speaker. I am free to admit the correctness of this imputation. My connection with the University of Toronto began as a matriculant in arts thirty-three years ago, and during all the intervening time, with the exception of three years, either as student, examiner, teacher, or senator, I have been intimately connected with the University and University College. It is no wonder, then, that, next to home and country, the University of Toronto is dearer to me than all other earthly institutions! This love has been increased by the two memorable attacks upon her through which we passed in the first two decades of the period to which I have referred. And this attachment would be natural even were she not, as she is, the noblest educational institution in this Canada of ours! I am free, then, to admit that it has been to me a great gratification to be bound by an additional tie, and that in connection with my life work, to the institution I love so well. If it is meant that I and my colleagues of the Toronto School of Medicine have received any pecuniary benefit, I reply that it is untrue, a fact which may be verified by a comparison of figures.

I trust you will pardon my making these personal allusions; but it seemed necessary to defend from attacks (chiefly from outside this university, I am happy to say) the motives of the members of the medical faculty. Our