

the same route some five hours' earlier, but just as cheerily and noisily, the boys descended the hill. Now a turn to the left. "Where are we going?" "Dunno." Blindly the leader is followed in perfect faith, and in a few minutes Trafalgar Institute looms up ahead. With many loudly expressed wishes for "Sweet dreams, ladies," which would have aroused Satan's imps, let alone angels, the tramp once more is set in motion. Down to Dr. Murray's they go, and here again the students' National Anthem, "For he's, etc.," breaks the silence of the midnight air. In response to a kind invitation on the part of Mrs. Murray, the boys entered and entertained (!) their host and hostess with some choice and particularly novel selections. This formed a fitting close for the evening's sport, and homeward the trampers wended their way in groups of half-a-dozen, each of which seemed to hold noise at a premium. By Sunday morning the last straggler was safe in his den, better physically and mentally for his healthful recreation.

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Disappointment was felt by some members of the senior years that, owing to coincidence with previous engagements, they could not attend the Faculty tramp. To these, and to others, also, who wilfully absented themselves on Saturday, it will be comforting to know that, from the general tone of the remarks let fall on that occasion, there is every probability of the occurrence being repeated before the close of the session.

That all were satisfied with their reception and entertainment at the Club House was evinced by the prolonged cheers which greeted Mr. Patt as he passed the trampers, homeward bound.

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McGill News.

THE UNIVERSITY DINNER.

The first University Dinner of McGill, held in the large dining room of the Windsor Hotel, judging from the universal words of approval and praise heard on all sides, may be considered all in all to have been so unqualified a success as to mark, possibly, the dawn of a new social era in the life of old McGill. Including those in the gallery, nearly 400 were present, of whom ladies connected with the University formed no inconsiderable part, and lent the gathering such grace and dignity as will make their presence indispensable at all such reunions in the future.

Our generous benefactor and Chancellor, Sir Donald Smith, presided, and on either side of him were seated the guests of the evening and a long line of ladies and men, distinguished for their zeal on behalf of the University and noted in its records for their beneficence or for their untiring energy in the work of its faculties. Among them we may mention Sir William Dawson, Sir Joseph Hickson, Hon. Chief Justice Johnson, Hon. Judges Church and Wurtelle, Principal Adams, J. H. K. Molson, E. B. Greenshields, Vice-Principal Johnson, Deans Craik,

Trenholme and McEachran, and among the ladies were Lady Smith, Lady Dawson, Lady Hickson, Mrs. Molson and Mrs. Greenshields, and in the body of the hall were nearly all the professors of the several faculties and a large number of distinguished graduates, many of whose wives, with the lady graduates and undergraduates of the Donald Department, in brightly coloured costumes, lent a joy and brilliancy to the gathering in all parts of the hall.

After that part of the programme, provided by mine host of the Windsor had been disposed of, the chairman proposed the usual loyal toasts, which were received in a manner that showed McGill is by no means the least loyal of our Canadian institutions. Sir William Dawson then proposed "The University," laying special stress on the victory that has lately been achieved in the cause of higher education in the passing of the B.A. Bill. While paying an eloquent tribute to the Hon. Justice Lynch, Hon. F. E. Gilman, J. S. Hall, M. P. P. and other friends of both nationalities, whose good will and zeal had brought about the success of this measure, Mr. Hall having just arrived from Quebec, entered the room and was received with an ovation which showed that the members of the University were ready to recognize the value of his efforts on behalf of the bill.

The first toast the gathering was called upon to toast was "The Queen." The Chancellor, in toasting the Governor-General, the visitor of the University, said His Excellency had regretted not being able to be present owing to press of business, but that he had promised to be present at the convocation. "The University" was also proposed by the chairman, who, in that connection, referred to the fact that hitherto the different faculties have had their dinners separately, but the thought struck some of those interested to have a dinner in which the whole University would be included. It is thus that for the first time the professors, graduates and undergraduates are gathered. The idea was a happy one, and most admirably carried out. He hoped that it would thus be annually carried out for many years to come. While the present one may not be up to the standard of perfection, the dinners will go on improving year by year, until there shall be nothing desired in McGill University's annual dinner. He said there are many gentlemen of high standing—legislators, judges,—men high in the rank of literature and art, who, though not of the University, are desirous of promoting its interests at all times. Reference to the passing of the B. A. Bill was loudly applauded. In referring to the responder to the toast, he asked who could speak so well for the University as Sir William Dawson, as one who has done so much for it in the last thirty years?

Sir William Dawson, who rose to respond to this toast, was greeted with a tremendous burst of applause. He said that he had been many times called on to respond to this time-honoured toast, but never on an occasion like the present, when the whole university, ladies as well as gentlemen, had assembled in festive mood. The ladies had become a very important and increasing element in the university. They had always been among its best benefactresses