

The tablet, in memory of the late Dean of the Medical School, erected by the Students, was put in place, in the main corridor, last week. It is an excellent piece of workmanship, and bears the following inscription :—

To
The Memory of
Robt. Palmer Howard,
M.D., LL.D.,
Dean of the Faculty,
And Professor of the
Practice of Medicine of
McGill Medical College.
Died March 28th, 1889.

This tablet was
Erected by the Students
In Medicine, of the Years
1890-'91-'92-'93.

In comparing the courses in McGill and Toronto Universities, suggested by a communication in last issue, the evidence was so overwhelmingly in our favour that we did not think it necessary to mention the course in Physiology. This course alone is sufficient to maintain the reputation of the University on account of the effectiveness of the work done, and the eminence of the Professor in original research and this publication of the results he has arrived at, in recent medical literature as well as in the more permanent form of a text-book, which should be in the hands of every student; and, in fact, is possessed by all who are anxious to keep abreast of the modern teaching of physiology.

We take it to be a hopeful sign, and suggestive of the new life that is springing up among McGill men, that Societies of her graduates are being formed in other cities. In the Ottawa Valley there are resident about eighty graduates, and they have banded themselves together for social intercourse and to further the interests of their *Alma Mater*. All that the graduates of McGill need is organization, and these Societies will be productive of much good in keeping alive and fostering into practical activity the goodwill we all entertain toward our University.

That the liberality which should characterize the nineteenth century has not yet been attained, is illustrated by the opposition which is met with to the higher education of women, and the refusal, in many instances, to grant equal facilities to both sexes. An instance of this nature occurred the other day, when the ladies of the Donalda Department gave a gymnastic entertainment. Why did they not invite the gentlemen students, as the Football Club invite the ladies?

In our last issue we published a letter of resignation from Mr. Hibbard, in which he stated his reasons for resigning his position as editor representing the Law students.

The editors of THE UNIVERSITY GAZETTE very much regret the action taken by one who was a most efficient member of the staff, who did much valuable work. We hope that some means can be devised whereby the Board will continue to receive his advice and support.

The School of Comparative Medicine has, by degrees, worked itself up to a position when it was thought worthy to rank with McGill Medical School. The story of its amalgamation has already been told, and now the last bond is complete. The students of Comparative Medicine have appointed one of their number, Mr. Walsh, their representative editor, and THE GAZETTE extends to him a warm welcome. A generous support is looked for from this manly little Faculty.

In the last issue, under the heading, "McGill News," an item appeared purporting to give a Student's Experience in Athletics. It should have been enclosed in quotation marks, as the article was not an original contribution, and as such had no bearing on the teaching of athletics or any other subject in McGill.

Contributions.

THE FUTURE OF CANADA.

Canada is the eldest daughter of the greatest Empire of the world. She is the fullest grown member of the family, the one first come of age, and gone into life as a nation; and she has in her young hands the solution of all those questions which must so interest every true Briton, proud and careful of the acquisition of British discovery and conquest. A future, great and noble in itself, and far-reaching in its results awaits her, if she but rise to her opportunities. "She is Imperial in herself" we think, as the number, the extent, and the lavish natural wealth of her Provinces, each not less than some Empire of Europe, rise in our minds; as we picture her coasts and her gulfs, and her islands, on the Atlantic on one side and the Pacific on the other; her four thousand mile panorama of noble rivers, wild forests, ocean-like prairies, her towering snow-capped Rockies, waking to the tints of sunset in the West; in the East her hoary Laurentians, oldest of hills. She has the richest extent of fisheries, forests, wheat lands, and fur regions in the world; some of the loftiest mountain-ranges and vastest rivers, the healthiest and most beautifully-varied seasons.

She has the best ten-elevenths of the Niagara Falls, and the best half of the inland seas. Her population