

foreign missionaries, twenty in all, two of whom were medicals, who will look forward to doing a medical missionary's work in the future. Others have been led to consider the question more earnestly, so that more will likely give themselves to this work. In Queen's College there are thirty, and in University College, Toronto, fifty, and in the States and Canada over twelve hundred, who at the present time intend to be foreign missionaries. This wonderful missionary movement in the colleges must result in an immense amount of good, both to the churches at home and the heathen abroad.

PRESENTATION.

The famous Cook, janitor of the Medical School, was made the recipient of a purse last week, on the part of the students of the primary years in Medicine. The hero of the occasion received the address with condescension, and replied with dignity in the scholarly language subjoined, afterwards submitting to the ancient ceremonies of "elevation" and "bouncing".

Following are the address and Cook's reply:—

To His Excellency, COOK, Lord Janitor of the Medical Department of McGill University Montreal, D.C., Grand Bearer of Bones, Supervisor of the Physiological and Chemical Laboratories, Conductor of the DEAN of the Faculty, Sole Proprietor of the Cellar, time-keeper of the Reading-Room clock, etc., etc., etc.

May it please your Excellency,—

The students of the primary years in Medicine, in accordance with a custom, time-honoured and beautiful, are here assembled towards the close of the session, to present your excellency with an address and with a recognition of your excellency's endeavours to maintain this Medicine Faculty on that high plane on which it has always stood. We recognize, in truth, that but for your excellency's careful supervision, extending even to the most minute details, the energetic, though individual and disorganized efforts of your assistants—our staff of preceptors—would result in chaos. It is indeed superfluous to cite facts in proof of this assertion—where would our demonstrators be without the tow and bandages, our professors without chalk? Without your excellency's fatherly eye and omnipotent hand, what empty vanity our lectures would be! But these details are not what strike the observer most forcibly; it is in the harmonious working of the immense number of your subordinates, that he recognizes the influence of a gigantic mind; a mind that grasps with equal facility a knotty problem in carpentry, the intricacies of the "spenoid" bone and the meaning of a negligently extended half-dollar.

We have heard with mingled feelings the announcement of your excellency's contemplated departure on a continental tour early in the coming summer. We anticipate with regret the departure of one whom we love and respect, and yet we view with joy the possibility of your excellency's meeting with janitors of other schools in Vienna, London and Paris, and there interchanging professional opinions on the momentous question of janitorship; on the treatment, say, of the nervous affection peculiar to freshmen, and recently organized professors. Few janitors, we believe, have their respective faculties so well whipped into line as your excellency, and we hope to see a decided change for the better in the management of these continental schools, consequent upon your visit thereto.

We desire your excellency to convey our respects to the lady janitor, and such embryo janitors that she may, in the course of human events, have presented you with, and we hope that the accompanying offering may tend to smooth the rugged martyr's path that you tread, by showing your excellency that, at least, we appreciate your endeavours in our behalf, and in behalf of the college which, thanks to you, has already to be tied by a

rope to the pinnacle of fame to prevent its going up out of sight.

C. L. Wheeler—*Pres. 2nd Year.*
G. M. Campbell—*Pres. 1st Year.*
W. S. England—*Collectors, 2nd Year.*
Chas. P. Jento—*Collectors, 1st Year.*
C. T. Noble.
W. J. Delaney—*2nd Year.*

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GENTLEMEN:—

I have to thank you once more for this very substantial expression of your unfailing appreciation of my efforts on your behalf in connection with the management of this institution. Year after year the student, who has been dummed all through the session for one thing or another, till his patience and his purse have both alike been sorely tried, still finds at the bottom of his pocket a stray half-dollar which he generously throws in to the janitor's fund.

Gentlemen, I can only reiterate what I said last year on a similar occasion, that I do all in my power to make each and every student at home in this college. I endeavour to give him every possible advantage in the prosecution of his studies, that he may do credit to himself and to the college when he enters into the sphere of active professional life. At the same time I have never lost sight of that grand maxim of the Roman Poet, "Mens sana in corpore sano" (a sound mind in a healthy body), in accordance with which it has always been my earnest endeavour to provide, to the utmost of my ability, the creature-comforts which are the indispensable adjuncts to a life of hard, unremitting intellectual toil. In fact the National Policy holds good here as elsewhere; we encourage the student and protect his interests.

It is no doubt a difficult matter, gentlemen, for a person who occupies a position of trust, and is constantly brought into contact with a great number of people, to act always and everywhere to the satisfaction of everybody, and not at times to displease one while gratifying another. The very few complaints, however, that have been made to me this year by students are sufficient proof that my efforts to please the majority have been as successful as I could desire them to be.

On the other hand it is exceedingly gratifying to myself that I have had no complaints to make as regards any of the students for defacing or injuring the building in any way, or for improper behaviour, and I must congratulate the class on its gentlemanly bearing throughout the whole session. And if at any time I have appeared to be hard and inexorable in the discharge of any of my numerous duties, remember that I indulge the student as far as I can, and that with me it is "fortiter in modo," but "suaviter in re."

In conclusion, gentlemen, I hope you may all undergo the approaching ordeal with the success you deserve, and that you may equal and even excel your predecessors. May the success which you obtain here, attend you also in the stern battle of life, and, amid the all-engrossing cares of a rapidly-growing practice, may you never forget the pleasant halls of your Alma Mater.

Personals.

We have received the business card of Messrs. McDonald and Ogilvy, Architects, Omaha. These are both McGill science men of '84, and great favourites while in college. We wish them great success.

One day, not far from Atlanta, a young man, after listening to a certain preacher pound and expound the Scriptures for two hours, arose and started to leave the church. The preacher stopped short. "Young man!" he said. The young man stopped. "If you'd rather go to hell than to hear me preach, just go on!" "Well," replied the young man, after a pause, "I believe I'd rather!" and out he went.