

## CONTRIBUTIONS.

## THE MEDICAL FACULTY DINNER.

"Food fills the wain and keeps us livin'."

It is said that one of the chief characteristics of the old Saxons was their love of eating and drinking. Heredity with its iron law has reproduced this laudable trait in their modern representatives. Even the Medical will at times unbend his brow from a contemplation of the great truths enunciated by Nicias, Galen and Hippocrates, and turn from this feast of reason to another of a more objective and, for the time being, a more seductive nature. Such was the state of affairs on the 7th inst., when the Students of the Medical Faculty dined at the St. Lawrence Hall. None ventured to speculate upon the relative proportions of proteids, carbohydrates and fats in the tempting array of viands that was presented; all were above such sublunary considerations as this. One of our genial Professors has said: "The cook has outstripped the physiologist, if not the chemist also," and we quite agreed with him.

A goodly number of Students and Professors met at the appointed time, and clustered in little groups in the handsome parlors of the Hotel, discussing the weather and other kindred topics, their immaculate shirt fronts glowing with anticipation. An adjournment was soon made to the dining-hall where lay the field of operation. The tables were tastefully decorated, and an orchestra enlivened the proceedings from time to time. With unlimited pabulum, with sweet music, with a two hours' limit, what more could a man desire?

Mr. E. J. O'Connor, of the Final Year, presided, and right well did he do it.

On his right sat Prof. T. Wesley Mills, Mr. Louis Sutherland, Dr. James Bell, Dr. Adami, Dr. Wyatt Johnston, Dr. Armstrong, Dr. Martin, Dr. J. M. Elder and Dr. McCarthy, and on his left Dr. Girdwood, Dr. W. Geo. Beers, Dr. J. C. Cameron, Mr. A. W. Morris, M.P.P., Dr. Ruttan, Dr. Lafleur and Dr. Wilkins.

Among others present were: Drs. W. E. Deeks, D. J. Scully (of Aspen, Col.), Birkett, Kirkpatrick, Messrs. N. J. McCallum, Toronto University; J. M. Jory, Trinity College; J. R. Allan, Queen's College; A. A. Detchman, Dalhousie College, Halifax; S. A. Daudelin, Laval; and George Fisk, Bishop's College.

Messrs. P. R. Lewis, J. R. Shaw, McDougall and Larmonth represented respectively the sister faculties of Arts, Comparative Medicine, Law and Applied Science.

The chairman, before toasting "The Queen" said he regretted that Sir William Dawson was not present with them that night. Sir William, in writing his regrets, stated that whilst it would have given him the greatest pleasure to have been present, in doing so he would be acting in open violation of the judgment of leading members of the Medical faculty itself, who enjoined on him great care and avoidance of late

hours for the present winter. He asked them to accept his sincere good wishes and kindly regards, instead of his presence.

The toast of "The Queen" was drunk with much enthusiasm, and all present united in a hearty rendering of the National Anthem.

Mr. J. E. Robertson, the Secretary of the Dinner Committee, read several letters of regret at inability to be present from The Right Hon. Sir John Thompson, Hon. J. J. Curran, Vice-principal Johnson, Dr. T. G. Roddick, Dean Campbell, Dean Bovey, Dean Trenholme, Dean McEachran, Dr. W. F. Hamilton, Mr. R. B. Angus, and others.

Mr. C. G. L. Wolf, B.A., then proposed the toast of "Old McGill." In the course of his remarks he said that McGill well merited the encomiums which had been bestowed upon her as apparent to the most casual observer. Even in the memory of the class of 1894 their Alma Mater had made giant strides. In every department the progress McGill had made would appear incredible to one not acquainted with her methods of advance. Truly had it been an example of foundations wisely laid, sufficient to bear the tests of time and of criticism, and the superstructures thereon erected had been such as to challenge the applause and admiration of the collegiate world. That she had not only gained in the more material sense of brick and stone was almost too well known to bear mention; but it was only right to say that the acquisition she had made in skill, experience and prestige of men from other universities had been of the greatest advantage to her. That these gentlemen were helping to make McGill known as the home of untiring and patient research was only evident, and they all looked forward to the day when their Alma Mater would be a centre for original investigations, well worthy of a place beside the oldest universities of Europe and the United States. McGill, in the year which had just gone by, had been especially fortunate. Two needs had been supplied, of which she long stood in want. By the donations of Sir Donald Smith, Mr. Peter Redpath and Mr. Molson she had now a home for her books and a place for pathological study.

He also referred to the project on foot for establishing a Union Club in McGill, which he thought would be productive of great good.

Dr. Mills, who was received with great cheering, made a very happy speech, in the course of which he said that during the two years he had been with them he was proud to know that he had their sympathy. After speaking of the regret which McGill felt at losing Sir William Dawson, he said that the pride of McGill had been in having such a gentleman with them for so many years. McGill's history showed that she gathered around her great men, and that she had enough life and modern spirit in her to appropriate what is good in other institutions.

He thanked the Students for the great honor they had done him in placing quotations from his works upon the menu card, and jocularly remarked that it was a surprise to have them placed alongside those of such a genius as Shakespeare.