

The history of these years was one of steady and continued progress, not only in the number of our students and graduates, but in the more thorough and practical character of the teaching, and in material improvements in the curriculum, more particularly with reference to the preliminary examinations and the division of the professional examinations into primary and final.

But the building which had served our purpose so many years had latterly been inconveniently overcrowded, and more room was needed, not only for the larger classes, but to accommodate the growing library and museum, and to afford room for contemplated improvements in the way of laboratories and working rooms in several of the departments. At this juncture, and guided chiefly by the wise counsel of Sir Wm. Dawson, we resolved once more to retrace our steps, and to ask the college authorities to receive us again into their classic precincts. The governors responded generously to our appeal, and in 1871 the front or main portion of the present building was built for us and placed at our disposal.

But, willing as the governors were to come to our relief, the means at their disposal for this purpose were very limited, only sufficient to give us the building with its bare walls, and without fittings or furnishings of any kind. These, with all the necessary equipment of laboratories, class rooms and other requirements for improved methods of teaching, had to be provided by the members of the faculty from their own personal means. Our late dean, Dr. Campbell, headed the list with one thousand dollars, and the rest of us followed as best we could with smaller sums, until a sufficient sum, amounting to a good many thousand dollars, was forthcoming, the building was made ready for occupation, and the work itself; under greatly improved conditions and surroundings, was begun in the new building in the autumn of 1871.

Closely following upon the opening of the new building came the next important forward step in the matter of practical teaching. Laboratory work was begun in 1874 in physiology, histology and pathology by Dr. Osler, one of our own graduates, and fresh from the laboratories of the most distinguished workers and authorities of Europe.

The improved methods of teaching and the increased facili-