

in harness, of the press, the medical associations of our county, and of sister institutions, from all of which members shall, in due order, be called to address you, assured of a cordial hearing whether the speaker stands clothed with scholarship and experience or has only to recommend him youth and its aspirations. Our dinner to-night has more than its ordinary significance, for, although our announcement shows this to be our ninth dinner—and rightly so, referring to our reorganization—yet in reality we to-night attain our majority, as this is our twenty-first gathering as a medical educational body. Dr. Graham, in replying to one of the toasts a couple of years ago, gave a pleasing sketch of the growth of banquets of this kind, as he was at the first, which was held in the Walker House twenty-one years ago. It is very appropriate, that Dr. McPhedran who took an active part, as an undergraduate, in organizing our first dinner—in fact, the first of the kind in Canada—should occupy the chair of honorary president on this occasion, as he does to-night. It is usual to celebrate important events in individual life by rejoicing; and so with us—we want everything to bespeak the joy we feel. We want music and song and good cheer to reign. We invite the freest speech, and we trust all will enter in with spirit to make our evening characteristic of our college life, where well-ordered freedom prevails, and the pleasing intercourse of teacher and student marks our daily labor, governed only by the dictates of courtesy and respect.

It has been customary, at these our annual gatherings, for the one who occupies the position I now fill to outline briefly, as far as concerns us, the progress of the year, and happily there is much that might occupy my attention: for at no time in the history of our faculty has more valuable work been done; at no time has the opportunities which it offers to students been greater; and never has the high standing of our university received more deserved recognition abroad. However, with some of these matters all are familiar, and others will be treated by distinguished speakers who are to follow; so they call, in my remarks, for the merest mention.

A year has passed since last we assembled here, and, though quick its flight, it bears the marks of progress and of change. A brilliant class has left us, and we have been joined by one of promise. The class of which I am a member has taken another step towards assuming the responsibilities of those who practise medicine. The results of the efforts of our students at the various examinations have been satisfactory, indeed, while on the field of athletic sports ours has been a march of triumph. The completion of the new chemical laboratory, the opening of the museum in connection with the biological building, and the increased facilities for study provided in the "old school," all bear marked evidence to the