

Science Dinner.

THE fourteenth annual dinner of the Engineering Society, held in Grant Hall, the 20th of December, is now but a fond recollection of a happy time that has gone. About 300 members of the Society, professors, graduates and guests assembled at the festive board and having partaken of the excellent menu provided, listened to an evening of speech and song. Grant Hall was appropriately decorated with transits, level, steam drill and rifles which set up on the platform stood out boldly against a background of palms and ferns. The electric lights were shaded in the college colors and lent a very pretty effect to the whole scene of merry banqueters. An orchestra was stationed in the gallery and led the students in their songs. The whole scene was one of much jollity and jubilation. The faculty song, sung by A. Bertram, W. Manhard, N. Armstrong and A. Haffner, scored a home run hit with the audience right at the start. Though the toast list was a lengthy one the speakers held the interest of the students till the end when the banquet broke up in the "wee sma' hours."

President T. S. Mills, B.A., having welcomed the guests, called for the toast to the King. This was honored and he called on Mr. W. F. Nickle, M.P.P., to propose the toast to the guests. In a speech full of enthusiasm, he touched on the rapid growth of the province of Ontario and of Queen's. He was satisfied that the Ontario government did not do amiss when it gave \$100,000 towards the erection of the new chemistry building.

His Honor, Lieut.-Gov. Gibson, responded to this toast. He remarked at the beginning of his address that this dinner was the best college dinner that he ever attended. He referred to the time, when he was a boy, all the public positions in Canada were occupied by the English, Irish or Scotch. Now almost all the public positions were occupied by natives of Canada. We have special characteristics," he said, "which differ from the English, Irish or Scotch. We are all distinctly Canadian and are rather proud and rejoice when we see any evidence of Canadianism. The term colonial had outlived its usefulness when applied to Canadians." The speaker gave a glowing description of our agricultural, mineral, timber and fishery resources and referred to the remarks made by the premier, that while the nineteenth century belonged to the United States, with the marvelous material, social and intellectual advancement made, the 20th century was ours. Lord Strathcona estimated that the population of the Dominion would be 80 millions in the year 2000. J. J. Hill predicts it will be fifty millions in less than fifty years. "As a country we cling to the Mother country. We are not bound by ties of obligation but by ties of filiation. Our aspirations were for a prolonged period of peace with our neighbors to the south." In a fitting peroration His Honor exclaimed, "You engineers more than any other body of educated men in the country have more to do in the application of knowledge, in initiating and carrying out projects for the bettering of our country. I know of no profession so important at the present time as the one to which you belong."