

peculiarity in our nature, that the present only engages our attention, and that we are usually indifferent to our health until it breaks down. The impression I want to leave on your minds as graduates and as citizens—and I regret the toast which elicited these remarks did not come in earlier—the impression is this: that the citizens of Montreal owe something to the Medical Faculty of McGill College. If Montreal claims to be the first city in the Dominion in wealth and population, and in all the other interests which belong to a metropolitan city, it seems to me that the citizens should see to it, that its chief educational institution is placed on a footing commensurate with the importance of the city. On this ground I appeal to the citizens of Montreal, and to the mercantile men especially—for they hold the purse-strings, as you know—to come forward and meet the liberal offer of this friend of ours. I ask the citizens at once to form a committee, in co-operation with our Faculty, to collect \$50,000, in order that by next August, as we are limited to that time, we shall be in a position to claim from our friend the \$50,000 he has promised. Had we a fund of \$100,000 from which we could receive a revenue, there are many things we could do in our own Faculty that we are unable to perform. In my lengthy lecture last night I alluded specially to one, and that one Chair I am very anxious to see established. It is quite plain that before long it will become absolutely necessary in the teaching of the several branches of medicine, to have men who deserve the name of experts, who shall devote their time exclusively to teaching certain scientific parts of medicine, and who shall not be embarrassed with the necessity of practising the art. (Hear, hear). There is no question that we must have a person exclusively devoted to chemistry, who shall be a recognized authority in that science, and who shall not be obliged to waste his time and energies by attending to the exigencies of practice. Another necessity, I think, especially if we wish to maintain our present proud position of being the leading medical school in this city and Dominion, is to have also a person who shall be able to devote his time exclusively to physiology, and especially to that department of it which applies to pathology. Original investigation we must aim at. We have men in our province well qualified to undertake such