

Another feature of the speeches was the determination on the part of both colleges to keep abreast of the advancement now going on in medical science. This is a laudable ambition, but to make it effective demands money; and the alumni, as above indicated, could do much. To raise an endowment fund for scientific purposes of \$50,000 would be an easy task to a body of professional men, numbering among the thousands. At the Trinity Medical banquet Dr. N. A. Powell spoke of the fact that new responsibilities were arising and must be met. He claimed that the graduate going forth from the college must be able to cope with conditions of practice as they now exist, and hold his own with the graduates from other colleges. Prof. Barker, of Chicago, speaking at the banquet of the medical students of the University of Toronto, dwelt upon the vast amount of work that was now being expended on original research. Along these lines a great army of workers are engaged searching out the true causes of diseases, and in a scientific effort for means of their prevention and cure. *Nec silet mors, nec arcanum sit remedium.* Prof. Barker also spoke of the tendency to establish a short B.A. course for those who are going into the study of medicine. This we think is highly commendable. A fair degree of general culture is of the utmost importance to the professional man. Already the University of McGill and the University of Toronto have formulated courses of study by which a student can obtain his B.A. and M.B. in six years. It would be well if the medical council could do something to encourage students to take this combination course. We see no reason why it could not, and indeed we are strongly of the opinion that it can and should. Students who take such a course could be allowed to go up for their license at the same time as they obtain their M.B.

We wish to refer to the remark of Dr. Pepler, at the Trinity Medical banquet, that he saw in the future a closer relationship between the Medical College and the University. This is in the right direction, and is in harmony with the tendency of the day. The great universities of Europe, Britain, Canada and the United States have their medical faculties as an integral part of the university system of teaching and work.

THE ONTARIO HOSPITAL ASSOCIATION.

IN the month of February last, at the call of a circular letter which was sent to the secretaries of the hospitals in Ontario, a large number of persons, interested in hospital work, met at the Queen's Hotel, Toronto. An Association was formed, and officers elected. The report of the meeting was published in THE CANADA LANCET for March.