

MEDICAL COLLEGE.

ANNUAL DINNER.

THE annual dinner given by the Faculty and Æsculapian Society was one of which the memory will long reign in the hearts of the sons of Queen's, and especially of those students who bid farewell to their Alma Mater this year.

The City Hall was elaborately decorated for the occasion with flags and bunting. Streamers hung gracefully from the corners to the centre chandelier, and the platform was liberally bedecked with the Union Jack and the emblem of Uncle Sam's domain. On either side of the platform stood a grim skeleton mounted on a bicycle. The Decoration Committee had made a noble effort and their artistic venture was appreciated by the "meds" and guests.

The tables were arranged to seat 150 guests, and were tastily adorned by the caterer, Mr. J. McLaughlin. Directly in front of the President's chair was a football square, beautifully arched over and topped with flags of the English, Irish, French and Russian nations. On the square were the 'Varsity and Queen's football clubs hard at one of their contests, and Alfie Pierce looking on. The whole design was original with the caterer, and was made of confectionery painted with the Queen's colors. On the tables were a candy newgart, five stories high, supported at the base by three horns of plenty, and fringed by candy lace; six large pyramids made of cocoanut, stick candy and almonds; a Queen's crown formed of kisses, and six clusters of silver candlesticks holding lighted candles, besides a great burden of cakes, charlotte russe and other delicacies. At each seat was a novel individual bouquet-holder in the form of a candy skull, holding a pretty button-hole bouquet.

Shortly after 8.30 o'clock Mr. A. B. Ford, M.A., President of the Æsculapian Society, took his seat at the head of the table and called the members to order. When all were seated, it was seen that on his right were: Dr. Fife Fowler, Dr. Garrett, Prof. T. R. Glover, Dr. Anglin, Mr. John McIntyre, Q.C., Dr. Third and Dr. Herald; and on his left Mayor Elliott, Hon. Senator Sullivan, Mr. B. M. Britton, M.P., Dr. Clarke of Rockwood, Dr. W. T. Connell, Dr. V. Sullivan and Dr. Boyle. Among the invited guests who were unable to be present were: Hon. G. W. Ross, Hon. W. Harty, Dr. Mundell, Dr. Ryan, Dr. Campbell, Dr. Wood, Dr. J. C. Connell, Dr. Cunningham.

The gathering immediately fell to work at testing the inviting and extensive bill of fare provided. Never in the history of the Medical and Æsculapian Society was the annual dinner so well conducted. At 10.30 o'clock, after full justice had been done

the repast, the toast programme was opened by the President proposing the health of the Queen, with a few words of greeting. After drinking her health, the party was favoured with a vocal solo by the Rev. A. W. Richardson. His rendition of the "Longshoreman" demanded an encore, which was very kindly given.

The second toast was "Queen's and Her Faculty," which was proposed by Mr. J. H. McArthur. His address was an able attempt at oratory, and was received with lengthened applause, ended by the college cry.

Dr. Fife Fowler responded, and this being his first attendance at such a dinner he was received with hearty cheers. Queen's, he said, was always noted for having her "faculties about her," and the medical profession above all others required the professors and students to have their faculties about them. The doctor gave a brief sketch of the Medical College from its origin to the present day, alluding particularly to the first professors in charge.

Prof. T. R. Glover also replied to the second toast on behalf of the Arts faculty, and was listened to with rapt attention. At this period of the nineteenth century, he said, one would expect to see the practice of after-dinner oratory abolished. This is a heathenish institution, for no record of the practice can be found in the Bible. He challenged any minister or theological student to prove that such a speech was made when Jonah dined with the whale. (Laughter.) He was glad to see that arts and medicine were to go hand in hand, as our worthy dean has given him to understand, for what was the use of an art man without a doctor? What was the use of a sound mind without a sound body? It would be the glory of Queen's to produce both of these. Pointing to the skeletons mounted on bicycles on the platform, the professor said, "There we see the hurry of modern life connected with the brief destiny of man." (Cheers.)

Rev. A. W. Richardson at this point sang the faculty song, composed by the Rev. S. H. Gould, B.A., which made a great "hit."

Dr. Garrett in a brief address proposed the toast of the Dominion. He classed the Dominion as the brightest gem in the British diadem.

Mr. B. M. Britton, Q.C., M.P., responded and referred to the occasion as one by which the medical faculty would be immortalized in song and speech. At this dinner he had acquired a vast amount of knowledge about Queen's which he had not had hitherto possessed. The speaker pointed out the prominent part taken by members of the medical profession in the Government of Canada, not forgetting to mention the Hon. Senator Sullivan, Kingston's representative in the Senate.