

that its social status was fully equal to that of any other. He was proud to state that McGill University was attaining some celebrity, and its medical school had always greatly contributed to its fame. (Applause).

In responding for the undergraduates, Dr. Grant of Ottawa, alluded to the present assembly as forming a union to be remembered for a lifetime. The McGill graduates were proud of their *Alma Mater* and of the great work it was accomplishing throughout the Dominion. He considered that the medical college was to this country what the school of Hippocrates was to ancient Greece.

Dr. HOWARD proposed the sentiment, "Our Benefactors." He referred to the fact that the past year had been marked by two important events, the 50th anniversary of the McGill College Medical Faculty and the death of its honored head, Dr. G. W. Campbell. In view of these notable events, the Faculty had deemed it advisable to make an appeal to the citizens of Montreal so as to secure an endowment of the Faculty and to provide a fitting memorial to their late lamented Dean. He then referred to the generous donation of \$50,000 by the Hon. Donald A. Smith, and to that of Mr. George Stephen of \$50,000 towards a Campbell memorial wing to the General Hospital. The members of the Faculty set to work, and, in a few months, raised the prescribed sum, which entitled them to the donation. In conclusion, he said that he would thank such generous benefactors on behalf of the undergraduates themselves, as these handsome donations would contribute materially to their progress. Amid loud cheers this toast was honored, all present joining in singing, "For they are jolly good fellows."

Mr. THOMAS Workman responded, and stated that he was confident that their endowment fund would yet amount to one million dollars. He urged the students to follow in the path of integrity and uprightness as the key to success.

The toast of the "Montreal General Hospital" was proposed by Mr. G. F. Palmer, and responded to by Mr. Andrew Robertson.

Our sister Universities was proposed by Mr. J. M. Elder, and responded to by Mr. J. Spencer, of the Toronto School of Medicine, who spoke of the kind treatment which he was receiving. He referred to some changes that he considered would be advantageous in the courses of the majority of medical schools, instancing particularly the elevation of the standard of matriculation,

so as to include chemistry, zoology and botany, and a more practical clinical instruction in the final year.

Mr. Fierheller, of Trinity Medical School; Mr. Cumberland, of the Kingston Medical School; Mr. Blackmer of Bishop's College; and Mr. Valin, the representative from Laval, also responded to this toast.

The health of Principal Dawson, the Class of '84, the Freshmen, the Ladies, and the Chairman was afterwards drunk, and a vote of thanks was tendered to the Committee of Arrangements for its very efficient labors. During the evening a number of songs and choruses were rendered by the students.

Progress of Science.

PÆDIATRIC THERAPEUTICS AND ITS RELATION TO GENERAL THERAPEU- TICS.

In a lecture delivered recently to the class at Bellevue Hospital Medical College by Prof. A. A. Smith, on the frequent repetition of doses of medicine, he clearly opens up a field of investigation which, to my mind, is one of the greatest importance.

One of the very important questions of the day now is, do we seek for the *physiological* effect of medicines, or do we derive their full poisonous or *drug* effect when we administer them to our patient?

If the former (and to my mind that is what we usually seek for), then certainly that can be better obtained and maintained by the small and frequently repeated doses, and thus, too, we can the better avoid the deleterious and often dangerous effects of the latter. The doctor in his lecture gives us his experience coupled with the experience of some others in the small and frequently repeated doses of chlorate of potash, croton chloral, bicarbonate of soda, balsam of copaiba, atropia, the bromides, chamomilia, tartar-emetic, nux vomica, cantharides, pulsatilla, calabar bean, ergot, aconite hamamelis and belladonna. The experience he narrates to the class is certainly pregnant with important facts and suggestions. I perhaps would have paid less attention to it if I had not had the same experience in the use of some of the medicines mentioned, and knowing by experience that in them the doctor was correct, I was the more encouraged to test some of the others also, which I find stand the test. If not regarded as presumptuous, I would like to add my feeble testimony in support of the doctor's statement, as well as a little additional of my own experience and observation in the use of aconite, belladonna, nux