

of which she can be proud, and with resolute men at the helm, we may well have a feeling of satisfaction. (Applause.) During all this period, situated in this city, though the commercial metropolis, her aims and teachings were all broad, and have never been local. As a result to-day she stands not with a local character, not with a sectarian name, but with a broad national fame and reputation. (Applause.) Go where one will, her reputation is known, her solid educational basis admitted, and in comparison with any of the Universities on this continent, or even on the other, few will stand a better criticism than McGill of Canada. (Continued applause.) Well, gentlemen, we must maintain this reputation, and use our best energies and exertions to always preserve it. I am not going to do any begging or anything that might seem like begging. The University has many friends, and in looking at our list of benefactors, we can boast of many tried and valued supporters. I question, too, if we consider the age of our Alma Mater and the individual wealth of our community that either of the two great American Universities of Harvard and Yale, could show better educational record. (Applause.) Yet, while we are congratulating ourselves, we must not forget the advancing requirements of any system of education, and the means necessary to carry them on. Within a comparatively few years we can observe in our University the addition of a Faculty of Applied Science, the increase in the Faculty of Medicine, the extensions in the various museums and laboratories, in the observatory, and also the change in the curriculum of the Faculty of Arts, by which greater specialties may be obtained. I must not forget to mention the question of the higher education of women, now before the Corporation, and the advisability of their admission to the educational advantages of the Faculty of Arts. (Applause.) All these matters have forced themselves on the University, not particularly on this University, but upon every educational institution, if it means to maintain its efficiency. They are all important, and require serious consideration. Education is continually advancing in our state of society, and requires greater means and support. It is not the interest of any one in particular, but the interest of all, that this must be given. Well, gentlemen, about this main support we can rely in the future on the generous friends of the Universities. (Applause.) The same spirit still exists in this city, and our friends will always see that the

fair name of McGill will never be impaired for want of their support. (Continued applause.) In referring to ourselves as graduates, we must not forget what we can do. I recollect a few years ago when several graduates met together to consider the advisability of forming this society. The objects by some were misunderstood, and it was thought a body was being formed of a radical order, and perhaps to work antagonistic to the interests of the University, but I am happy to say that they were mistaken. There was and had been a feeling for a long time among the graduates, that year after year numbers of them went forth from the University, and little if any means existed of keeping them together, and securing their interest in the University. And thus in their leaving a great support was lost. The formation of the society was agreed upon, and so far the results have been satisfactory. (Applause.) The society has been regularly maintained, and though young we have contributed our mite to the various libraries. We have also discussed subjects before the Corporation, and the changes that might be made. This has been done in a proper spirit and with a feeling that if any discussion arose it was far better to discuss it in a constituted body. No institution can stand without some discussion, without some changes, and it is more healthy to have this come from within the institution than from without, and by the graduates, who have, perhaps, greater interest at heart in the University than any others. We have also started a fund for a donation of some kind to the University. To those who have passed through any of the Faculties, and especially those students who came from the country, there is no greater want felt than that of a lodging or dining hall adjacent to the lecture rooms. (Applause.) The loss of time, the inconvenience, and I must add, the discomforts that have been borne, if capable of capitalizing in money, would, long ago, have erected this building, and, if we can only succeed now in realizing the object, these wasted energies in the future could be devoted to better purposes. I wish earnestly to appeal to the graduates to assist in this. It means but a little for all, but that all should join. If we can't succeed as far as this, the fund will be devoted to some building. In searching for a name it was decided, when finished, to call it the Dawson Hall. (Loud applause.) As a body of graduates it was recognized that in the Principal there was one who