

With this number we have to record the departure of Dr. Wm. Osler, so long professor of Physiology and Pathology in McGill, to fill the post of Professor of Clinical Medicine in the medical school of the University of Pennsylvania. We cannot appreciate the merits of a good Havannah until we have smoked it, we never feel the benefit of a sound and refreshing sleep until we awake, and we cannot estimate truly the value of a friend until we have lost him; and it is not until we awake up and find him gone that we look about and find what a true friend Dr. Osler has been to our College. At first it is hard to realize that he is gone. While with us he was so thoroughly identified in every way with the College that we never even conceived that he might be separated from it. He seemed as much part and parcel of the Medical School as the solid stone building itself, and we instinctively shrank from thinking of a possible separation as one sound in his molars would from the thought of the dentist's chair. But since he has gone from us let us give him the tribute he so well deserves, by calling to our minds a few of the many ways by which he was endeared to us. As a teacher he will be remembered by the way in which he so thoroughly identified himself with the subjects he taught that all its lessons became, as it were, magnetised by his own personality. Socially his success with the students was boundless. No McGill professor ever treated his class with more formality, and yet each man could not look on him but as an intimate friend, and on the other hand, though his ready tact never allowed him to address any man in a stiff or constrained manner, yet we could never imagine anyone attempting to assume an air of easy familiarity with him. His attention to minute points of etiquette and politeness were, we feel sure, fully appreciated by all his pupils, who felt that it rose entirely out of respect for them, and not from any feeling of coldness toward them. Scientifically he seemed to us a marvel. Apparently a specialist, his specialities comprised half a dozen different branches, each worthy the life-study of an ordinary man. If specialist he was, it must be in the broadest sense of the word, not from narrowing his limits of study but by the superiority of his intellect compassing the widely divergent lines usually with justice regarded as distinct specialities. An instance of this is his present position. Through experience gained from his work as clinical professor in the summer session, a minor position here, undertaken as a summer task, almost a pastime, it appears he has prepared himself to fill one of the most important and difficult posts in that department.—and that too following in the footsteps of so distinguished a man as Professor Pepper. It is evident, however, that all his

previous training cannot fail to make him excel in the department he has now chosen. His great power of accurate observation, his profound study of philosophy, pathology and microscopy, and most of all his rare faculty of tabulating facts and presenting them to his class in a concise and lucid manner must tend to make him a preëminently successful teacher of clinical medicine. However much we might have wished to keep Dr. Osler as Professor of Physiology, no one can deny that the highest sphere of medical life is that of practical physician, and in accepting this opening in Philadelphia we feel assured that he is on the high road to being one of the leading physicians on this continent. And with this conviction strong upon us we wish Dr. Osler every success in his new walk of life and congratulate the Pennsylvania University on the prize they have won in him.

The Graduating Class in Arts is to be congratulated on their excellent judgement in choosing as valedictorian Mr. A. H. Colquhoun, a gentleman most highly esteemed by the Undergraduates of the faculty, and one who, we are confident, will ably represent them on the day of Convocation.

We are sorry to learn that the Undergraduates in the Presbyterian College have considered themselves so burdened with other work that they have deemed it inexpedient to continue the publication of their "Organ of Student's Opinion," *The Journal*. We hesitate to regard the suspension as permanent and hope before long to witness the revival of our esteemed contemporary.

In view of the defeats sustained by the Toronto and Varsity Football teams at the hands of the Montreal, Britannia and McGill clubs, we cannot resist the temptation of quoting the following comment from the *Varsity* of Oct. 25: "The Varsity simply met in the Torontos a team who were their superiors at almost every point. They met the champion team of the Rugby Union, and what is probably the best Rugby team on the continent. To suffer defeat at their hands was certainly no disgrace."

It was with a feeling of deep disappointment that we learned of the bestowal of the Lectureship in Classics upon an Englishman. Without knowing what Canadian applicants there were, it would be wrong to question the wisdom of the appointment; but there are such cogent reasons why an Englishman should not have been chosen, that we look forward to his coming with considerable misgiving. There is always the latent feeling of hostility and