

Farrell (subsequently a graduate of Royal College of Kingston), the patient having been duly placed under chloroform, an attempt was first made at reduction by aid of a "Jarvis Adjuster." Not succeeding by what was considered by us as a fair trial, I divided the tendo Achilles, when reduction with the hands was easily effected. The fibula, broken in the usual place in like cases, was ununited.

The chief after-treatment of the case consisted in keeping the end of the tibia in place with due support of the heel and foot, which was done by a well-fitting anterior tin splint with foot piece, such as Dr. Keer of Galt was in the habit of using in simple fractures of the leg near the ankle-joint. She recovered with a stiff joint. Passive motion was advised after the removal of the splint, but insufficiently used by her husband, and the distance from my house in Caledonia being some 16 miles, it was out of my power to attend to it. I saw the patient, Mrs. Wyllie, some years subsequently at the house of her son in London, Canada West, when she was well and had good use of the foot.

This dislocation is very uncommon, which is my only excuse for bringing this case before the Society. The tibia rests in these cases from half an inch to three-quarters of an inch in front of its proper place.

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DEAR SIR,—There could not be a more fitting time than the present to appeal to the great medical constituency of Ontario in behalf of the necessities of our beloved Provincial University. It is needless to refer to the dire calamity which so recently laid the grand old building in ruins. We must remember, however, that the University still lives, not only in the hearts of her graduates; not only in the teachings of Science and Art, which she has scattered broadcast throughout our land; but likewise in the affections of all men who love the grand old

principles and truths upon which she was founded, and by which she has been guided through every step of her career.

The matter of her restoration is one in which all must feel the deepest interest. Our Provincial Parliament, the City Corporation of Toronto, the Senate of the University, with various other corporated bodies, as well as private individuals, will do all they can to help in this direction; but there will yet remain much to be done; and herein lies the opportunity for the medical men of our Province to prove their devotion to that science, to the pursuit of which they have dedicated their lives.

With all the advancement of recent years, pathological research is yet in its infancy. Still the investigations are sufficiently mature to prove that the position which pathology should occupy, in the study of disease, cannot be overestimated; and with the desire of furthering this laudable and utilitarian end, the medical graduates of the University in this city have inaugurated a movement which, they trust and believe, will receive both wide and generous support.

The cost of a well-equipped pathological laboratory will be considerable; and for this, so far in the estimates for restoration, there has been no provision. What the sons of the University would like, and what they will endeavour to accomplish, will be to make this the special work of the graduates in medicine, as a fitting tribute to our national seat of learning, and an honor to our noble profession.

This is an object so thoroughly Provincial, so thoroughly identified with the best interests of our country, that all graduates, of whatever school, might willingly lend it their aid. Trusting that what all University men so earnestly desire may be accomplished,

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