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OUR readers, and especially our medical friends, will be pleased to find in this number a portrait of Dr. Sullivan, the popular lecturer in Surgery and Dean of the Woman's Medical College. The fame which he has attained, not only in the practice of his profession, but also in the arena of politics, and the public spirit and energy which he has always manifested entitles him to be ranked among Canada's foremost citizens. To his success and popularity as a lecturer the students, who have attended his classes, can abundantly testify. We refer our readers to a sketch of his life in another column.

As an example of how little our nearest neighbors know of us, we quote the following from the *New York Independent*: "For the first time a Canadian Parliamentary election is made to turn on the question of closer relation to the United States. The Governor General in Council has decided to dissolve parliament and go to the country on the simple issue of reciprocity. The Government is Conservative, and reciprocity has been the special policy of the Liberal party. If the Democratic party in this country were suddenly to turn about and advocate protection, it would not be a greater somersault than the Macdonald Government has taken at Ottawa." It is certainly news to conservatives to hear that Sir John in his old age has turned such a complete somersault and landed on the Grit platform. The article goes on to state that whatever may be the result of this election one thing is certain, that Canada is hastening toward her "manifest destiny," annexation to the United States. We can assure our American friends, however, notwithstanding the fact that they would give us a "frank and friendly reception" whenever we feel like pulling up our stakes, that public sentiment in Canada

tends in the opposite direction from what they suppose, and that Canada may have some other destiny before her than that of absorption by the United States.

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What shall we do for a gymnasium? This is a question which the A.M.S. should take into its consideration at once. It has been intimated that the proposal brought forward last spring, to give the building of a gymnasium into the hands of a joint stock company, would be carried out. Under this arrangement a certain yearly sum would be paid to the company from the funds of the Athletic Association, besides probably a nominal fee from each student who used the gymnasium. We do not agree entirely with this proposal, because we think it would be much better in every way if the students could build and equip their own gymnasium. This no doubt will be readily granted, but the only question is as to the practicability of the proposal. Can the students build a gymnasium? We believe that they can. There is, we understand, a considerable amount of money in the hands of the Athletic Association over and above the sum spent in defraying the expenses of the foot-ball team and in other ways. This amount would form the nucleus of a gymnasium fund. Let the Senate be asked to raise the gymnasium fee from one to two dollars per student for each session. Thus from this fee there would be raised each year say a minimum of \$800. Let \$500 of this amount be reserved for the gymnasium fund, and in ten years enough money will be raised to pay for a first-class gymnasium. With the co-operation of the Senate the funds could be advanced to begin the building next summer. We throw out this proposal to bring the question before the students. Let the matter be thoroughly discussed in the A.M.S. and prompt action taken. If possible, by all means let us build and own a gymnasium for ourselves. It might be objected that the students would be unwilling to have the gymnasium fee doubled. We believe, on the contrary, that they would be more willing to pay two dollars for the advantages of a good gymnasium than one dollar without such advantages.

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In JOURNAL No. 6 an item of news was given to the effect that Professors Dupuis and Fletcher had been appointed sub-examiners, in connection with the new "High School leaving and University Matriculation Examination" This was a slightly ludicrous mistake, for where could examiners be found, if such men were to be sub-examiners? The Board of Examiners includes Professors Dupuis and Fletcher, and also representatives of the Faculties of Toronto, Trinity, Victoria, McMaster,