

of firm grasp and wide vision." In the pride of our hearts we forget for the most part how very young science still is. Outside of our profession, in the vast domain of collateral sciences, we also trace strides alike indicative of the march of intellectual progress. Astronomy advanced furthest when our age was still young. Geology had then only just began to take shape and form as a science, surrounded by absurd theories and inaccurate data. In this department the name of Logan is closely allied with a period of great advancement, as far as Canadian geology is concerned. He was a warm friend and supporter of McGill. In this same branch of science, few men have accomplished more than the present respected principal of this university, whose name is associated with many of the greatest discoveries made during the past quarter of a century in geology and palæontology. Among the separate sciences, many remarkable advances have been made which have formed the very basis of the principles and the education of those now entering upon the study of the medical profession. Of these separate departments of science, few have been marked with greater indications of progress than electricity. The telephone, the microphone, and the electric light have aroused an interest widespread in its character, and these, in addition to the telegraph and Atlantic cable, have given an impetus and force to thought quite sufficient to identify and stamp the present as a time remarkable, beyond computation in the progress of intellectual development.

Present on this occasion, it is gratifying to observe the large number about to enter upon the study of medicine, and it must be a great source of encouragement to be aware of the fact that you are about to be educated, as Sir George McLeod recently termed it, "under the new dispensation." Now-a-days the scientific physician is more disposed to observe closely the operations of nature and to *trust less* to art in the cure of disease. The skilful co-operation of these forces gives an impress to progress in medical science, hence the advantage to be gained in an institution like McGill, where every opportunity at home and abroad is embraced in the way of scientific research to assist the student in obtaining such a knowledge of the various branches