

name, a liberal profession, where men of all nationalities and creeds can work harmoniously together for the promotion of the science of medicine. As in the past, so in the future, this will be our object,—and we trust our French-Canadian friends will accept the assurance in the same spirit of sincerity in which it is offered.

LACTIC FERMENTATION, ITS BEARINGS ON PATHOLOGY.

A most interesting paper on the subject of lactic fermentation and its bearings on Pathology, was read before the Pathological Society of London, by Mr. Lister, on Thursday the 18th December ult. This was accompanied by experiments, and an exhibition of apparatus used by Mr. Lister in carrying out his researches. In speaking of bacteriæ, he remarked that it was very probable they did not require any germ, they were in themselves reproductive organisms. In thanking Mr. Lister, the President remarked that it was customary for members, on their admission to sister societies, to deposit with the society some specimen of their art. In joining this society Mr. Lister had given them a specimen of his experimental skill and deep scientific acquirements, which would be deposited in the annals of the Pathological Society of London.

MCGILL MEDICAL SOCIETY.

This association which began its existence on the 23rd of April, 1877, is now in a most prosperous condition. Its membership is extensive, and its meetings have proved useful and interesting to all frequenting them.

The first meeting of the winter session took place on the 13th of October, and since then the following readings and papers have been given.

Oct. 13th, Mr. GURD read a selection entitled "Nature's Gentleman."