

“ Professor Godfrey, too, has resigned the Chair of Hygiene, a step he has been compelled to take by a painful and distressing affection of the eyes, from which we all hope he may ultimately recover. The lectures on Hygiene will be given during the latter half of the session after the completion of the course in medical jurisprudence. I shall there venture to claim from you the same kind indulgence hitherto extended to me by McGill medical students.

“ And now, gentlemen, I have to announce to you what this Faculty congratulate themselves is a most important step they have taken in providing the means for the practical teaching of an all-important subject. For some years the Faculty have contemplated establishing a Physiological Laboratory. To-day I am proud to announce to you that that Laboratory is an accomplished fact, and that in a very short time we hope to see it provided with all the most recent necessary apparatus. Under the able direction of my friend Professor Osler, we expect that we will profit largely by the new facilities thus afforded for the study of physiology. Moreover, we confidently hope that this very laboratory shall be the scene of many original researches by present and future students of McGill in the unexplored fields of physiology.

“ The Faculty has also established a Dispensary for the Diseases of Women in connection with the Lying-in-Hospital. This institution has been in existence since last May, and the measure of success already enjoyed warrants the confident expectation that it will prove a most valuable and much-needed field for acquiring a practical knowledge of Gynæcology.

“ In addressing you, gentlemen of the Freshman Class, let me say that we are by no means ignorant of the feelings which animate your breasts on this occasion. We know something of your hopes and fears, your wants and perplexities. Have we not all occupied similar positions? and I know that some of us are not yet too old to remember something of how we felt when we came as freshmen to hear the Introductory. If to any of you, then, feeling bewildered and oppressed, as may be the novice and utter stranger among you (as was, indeed, my own