

more or so much of the medical history of Montreal and of its medical schools than he does. Fully conversant with the details of such matters, no one was better fitted to assist in the early development of our school. Impressed as he was with the possibility of success, he earnestly devoted himself to advancing our interests, and for ten years ably filled the important chair of Medicine. Few men would care to undertake the labor of such work at his age, or to continue it as he did when fast increasing bodily infirmity rendered it no easy task to lecture. Few were as regular at their post, and not until it became impossible to continue did he relinquish his chair. That we have not been slow to recognize his ability and work is shown in that we declined to accept his resignation of the Deanship which we trust he may long continue to retain, and also as a special means of perpetuating his name in the school the Faculty established what is now known as the David Scholarship. In this connection I would make mention of the two gold medals which the Faculty has to bestow upon successful competitors, and it is rare for any school to possess two such valuable prizes so early in its history. One medal bears the name of a professor, the other the name of a member of a family distinguished in the medical history of Montreal. I refer to the Robert Nelson gold medal. This latter medal, given for a special purpose, was obtained through the interest and enthusiasm of one of our earliest graduates, himself a member of the family mentioned. It has ever been our aim to advance the well-doing of our classes, and as to-night we have successfully bridged over that dividing line which separates the student from his professor, it but makes apparent our desire to elevate the position of our students, and to show that we expect something more of them than regular attendance at lectures. The great extent and nature of the subjects now taught require much closer application on the part of the students than formerly, so that the average medical student of to-day necessarily becomes a much quieter and more studious individual than his old-time predecessor; he is therefore not what he is popularly supposed to be, and cannot be classified with the Bob Sawyer type of fiction. That our students appreciate the efforts made for their advancement, is shown by the interest they take in the prosperity of the school. Of one family two have already graduated with us, and a third is preparing to do likewise. The son

of another graduate is here with us to-night, expecting to follow in the footsteps of his father. These are facts which are encouraging, for, though comparatively a young institution, they show that we have cast off our extreme youth, and have attained an early and vigorous manhood. It is not necessary for me to occupy your attention any longer, especially as another response to this toast is to follow. I will therefore conclude with the wish that we may all live to see another ten years, and to gather around a like festive board in greatly increased numbers. At any rate I trust that, as we have thus joined together, this will be but the commencement of a series of annual gatherings which will tend to maintain that friendly feeling towards each other which at present so happily exists.

Dr. JAMES C. CAMERON congratulated the graduates and undergraduates upon the success of their first Annual Medical Dinner, and assured them that the social reunion of students, graduates and professors and the presence of the Chancellor, Vice-Chancellor, and other friends of the University, would not only tend to develop feelings of cordiality and friendship, but also make this a red-letter day in the history of the medical student in Montreal. Hitherto, the medical student has not been appreciated or understood, and has consequently been subjected to much undeserved censure. He has generally been regarded as a wild, reckless, lawless sort of fellow, fond of midnight rambles, and practical jokes, possessing an unconquerable antipathy to bell-pulls and door-knockers, and a propensity, Samson-like, to carry off the gates of the city in the dead of the night. His good qualities are generally observed and admired at a respectful distance, and he is not usually reckoned among the respected and respectable members of society, until he has emerged from his chrysalis state and soared forth a full-fledged M.D. Hitherto he has always been forced to dine and feast by himself, for even his professors have declined his repeated invitations, lest their presence might check the unrestrained flow of his *spirits*. But you, gentlemen undergraduates, have had the privilege to-night of manifesting to your friends and the general public that a medical dinner is not necessarily an orgie, and that the medical student can be and is a gentleman.

In speaking of the past record of our Medical Faculty, Dr. Kennedy has shewn you how largely