

blame, for they have had liberty to order what they pleased and the board has paid the accounts. If surgical instruments are not plentiful it is partly because they have been carried away to such an extent that to save the rest their care had to be taken from the student house surgeon and entrusted to the steward. Then visitors who take an interest in hospital management, should drop in and see the ill-furnished apartments of the house surgeon." Their ideas of common comfort, all that a public institution existing on charity calls for, may be enlarged. There certainly is not a waiting room for students, nor is there space for one, for the building is fully occupied for its proper purpose, the care of the sick and housing of its employees. If the basement rooms and patients' attire are so offensive to student eyes it is a matter of pure choice with those eyes whether they penetrate further than the outer walls; and if the students will pay the same fees as their Toronto and Montreal brothers do to the local hospitals there will be no lack of knives, scissors, or scales. A year or so since an attempt was made to increase the practice fees to about two-thirds of the outside standard, but the Royal College at once uttered a piteous complaint, and the paltry fees remain. The board must now see that it made an error in saving on implements to help the very students who now attack it in public without making previous application and remonstrance. This return for the kindness and forbearance of the board, extending over thirty years, must, even in the eyes of Mr. James, appear very shabby. Putting aside the instruction afforded, common gratitude for the lives of students nursed back to health when they sadly needed such kindness, because removed from family care, ought to make them the helpers and not the wholesale libellers of the institution.

The Hospital authorities have greatly improved the institutions, both of their own will and at the suggestion of lady visitors specially appointed to seek ways of improvement. All requisitions for supplies have been filled at a cost beyond the average income; but an old and ill-planned building cannot be made handsome and convenient, nor can a volunteer house-surgeonship conduce to a complete laboratory. There are funds ample for equipment and extension if desired. The chief obstacle now is that the controlling influence on the board has been, while lax and exclusive on the one hand, disheartening to real effort on the other. It has thus become popular to complain of the Hospital, and the student's attack is after all a mere echo, and, like all echoes, more of sound than substance. It is not without hope that the directors, save a few, look for a change of control, and consequent returning popularity.

MEETING OF HOSPITAL GOVERNORS.

The monthly meeting of the board of governors of the Kingston General Hospital was held on the 2nd of May. The subjoined letter from Dr. Fowler, Dean of the Royal College, was ordered to be sent to the press, with a request for publication:

KINGSTON, April 30, 1887.

To the Chairman and Governors of Kingston General Hospital:

GENTLEMEN,—In behalf of the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons, I beg leave to disclaim any responsibility for the unjustifiable remarks made respecting the hospital by Mr. James at the recent convocation of Queen's University. The authorities of the medical college are not consulted on the appointment of valedictorian, and feel grieved that he should have spoken so offensively about the hospital. From my long connection with the hospital, I can bear testimony to the untiring zeal manifested by the governors in raising it to its present high state of efficiency. I have no hesitation in saying that I have found, on all occasions, the governors ready to furnish any medicines and appliances I considered necessary for the comfort of the patients and for the treatment of their ailments. I trust the governors will look upon that part of Mr. James' address having reference to the hospital as simply arising from thoughtlessness. I have the honor to be, yours faithfully,

FIFE FOWLER,
President R. C. P. & S.

EXCHANGES.

WHAT OTHERS THINK OF US.

The QUEEN'S COLLEGE JOURNAL claims to have had considerable trouble in locating Racine, and perhaps this is not strange, as it is by no means the largest city in the United States; but now that it has found us, we hope that it will come regularly to our address, for no visits are more welcome than those of our friend from across the border.—*College Mercury.*

The last issue of the QUEEN'S COLLEGE JOURNAL does not compare with the January number. The continued article "Home Rule in Ireland and Education," however, shows much historical research, and reflects great credit upon the author.—*King's College Record, Windsor, N.S.*

The QUEEN'S COLLEGE JOURNAL comes duly to hand and as usual its literary matter is of a high order. We were pleased to observe that the JOURNAL administers a well deserved rebuke to those students who persist in not wearing their gowns—a practice which we regret to say is by no means unknown at St. John's.—*St. John's College Magazine, Winnipeg.*

Since the change in its editorial staff, the QUEEN'S COLLEGE JOURNAL has improved rapidly. The editors desire that the sum of a quarter of million dollars be raised and put into a fund called "the Queen's Jubilee Fund" to commemorate the jubilee year of the Queen, the money to be used in equipping the University. The year will also be the jubilee year of Queen's University.—*University Monthly, Fredericton, N.B.*