

WILLIAM H. VANDERBILT.

The profession throughout this Continent will gratefully remember Mr. Vanderbilt's gift to the College of Physicians and Surgeons, New York.

The fact that the college was to receive such a donation was previously known to but one member of the faculty. Prof. John C. Dalton arose at the faculty meeting and said,—“Gentlemen, I have a little surprise for you this evening, and it is one I know you will receive gracefully. I have a cheque in my pocket for \$500,000 that has been sent to me for a building fund for the college by Mr. William H. Vanderbilt.”

The members at first scarcely realized the magnificence of the gift, but afterwards manifested their joy and gratitude by spontaneous and hearty cheering.

Mr. Vanderbilt could scarcely have invested his money in any other way with the same prospect of doing good.

It will, in the first place, be a direct benefit to the School. Those who in future intend making medicine their profession will gratefully remember Mr. Vanderbilt's generosity, as it will enable them to procure a better education. It will benefit the public, as their medical men will be better trained and more thoroughly equipped to treat disease.

New York city will, by this act, be made the medical centre of the United States.

It is to be hoped that wealthy men in this city will be stimulated by Mr. Vanderbilt's example. Last year, the sum of \$100,000 was given to McGill College in Montreal. Why could not Toronto follow the example set by Montreal, when it is conceded on all sides that medicine can only be properly taught in endowed colleges? Why should our medical schools here be allowed to struggle against adverse circumstances, and to keep up an uneven competition with schools handsomely endowed?

The annual dinner of the Toronto School of Medicine will be held on the evening of the 12th at the Rossin House. The chair will be occupied by Dr. Bascom; 1st vice-chairman, J. M. Forster; 2nd vice-chairman, W. B. Thistle; secretary, H. J. Hamilton.

MALPRACTICE CASE—McLURE VS. GRANT.

This case, which was tried at the recent Assizes, terminated unfortunately for Dr. Grant. The jury gave damages at \$850, together with the costs of the suit. The plaintiff McLure received a severe injury to the foot and leg, produced by a kick. It was subsequently shown that there were fractures of tibia and fibula, and astragalus. The latter injury could only have been produced by great violence. The surgeon bandaged the limb and placed it in a fracture box. Some days afterward evidence of gangrene of the foot appeared, and Dr. Savage was called in. A line of demarcation formed and the foot was amputated. On account of disease and suppuration of the bones of the ankle-joint, a second amputation was made some two or three months after the first. The plaintiff claimed that the mortification of the foot was the result of the tightness of the bandage. It was, however, to our minds clearly shown by the defence that the gangrene could not have been produced by the bandage, as it did not come on for eight or nine days after it was applied. It was also shown that the severity of the injury was sufficient to produce the unfortunate results. The jury, with their usual wisdom displayed in such cases, thought differently, hence the verdict.

This is an example of how easily a surgeon can get into difficulty by not asking for a consultation early in the treatment of severe injuries. If Dr. Grant had called in two or three of his brother practitioners the day after the injury, he would in all probability have been saved all further trouble and annoyance.

ONTARIO BOARD OF HEALTH
LIBRARY.

The Board of Health have decided to form a library after the plan of the International Health Exhibition Library, which contains a large collection of books composed entirely of voluntary contributions.

Through the kindness of Dr. Covernton we had an opportunity of looking over the catalogue of the International Library, and were