

## ANNUAL DINNER OF THE TRINITY MEDICAL SCHOOL.

The Annual Dinner of this prosperous school was held in the Rossin House, on Thursday evening, November 3rd. A large number of guests, and nearly all the members of the Faculty sat down with the students, and a very enjoyable evening was spent. There were altogether 126 present. Mr. Natrass acted as chairman, and in his opening address alluded to the prosperity of the school as shown especially by the large number in the Freshman Class this year. He also eulogized the Faculty, and praised their ability and plan of teaching, but suggested that still more clinical and catechistic teaching might be advisable.

The Attorney-General referred to the excellent condition of the Toronto General Hospital under the present management, and also to the high standard of medical education in Ontario, and, after alluding to the great progress made in the Medical Art during the present century, paid a high tribute to the medical profession throughout the world. His Worship the Mayor mentioned the important fact that there was no doctor in the City Council, and thought that one was wanted, especially recently, to probe the wounds and mutilations which had been made in one of the city contracts.

The first Vice-Chairman, in proposing the toast of the Universities and sister Institutions, spoke of the good feeling which existed between the two medical schools of Toronto, and expressed the great pleasure he felt in extending a very cordial welcome to Mr. Cleland, the Representative from the Students of Toronto School of Medicine, who was present.

Mr. Mulock, Vice-Chancellor of Toronto University, in replying for that Institution, referred to the high theoretical attainments of Canadian medical students, but regretted their deficiency in practical training; and alluded to the advisability of amalgamating the two schools of medicine in Toronto, but declined to offer any opinion on the question.

Dr. Graham, who responded for the Faculty of the Toronto School of Medicine, preferred two schools in Toronto, as the number of

students was so large that there was more work than one school could well attend to. He expressed the hope that more attention would be paid to practical examinations, and signified his pleasure at the steps which had already been taken in this direction by Toronto University and the Ontario Medical Council, but hoped that they would do still more. He would like to see certificates of having acted as clinical clerks and surgical dressers required from the students.

Mr. Cleland, on behalf of the undergraduates of the same school, made an appropriate response which was well received.

Dr. Allison on behalf of the Ontario Medical Council thought a two years' term was long enough for examiners, and regretted the appointment of "one examiner" at last meeting of Council.

Dr. Burns wished to impress on the students the fact that the members of the Council entertained the most kindly feelings towards them, but at the same time wished to make the examinations just and fair in every respect.

Dr. Geikie, who, in responding for the Faculty, was enthusiastically received by the students, thanked them for the cordial feeling shown by them towards the teachers in the school. He referred to the prosperity of the school, as shown by the fact that the members had increased in a few years from 57 to 160 in actual attendance. He quite agreed with the sentiments expressed by Dr. Allison with reference to the appointments of examiners, and thought that "one" he alluded to should not have been appointed. He also referred with grief and pain to the extraordinary spectacle enacted, when the President of the Ontario Medical Council, at its last meeting, left the Chair, and exhausted himself in abusing and insulting the students; yes, he would repeat it, though he confessed it took a great deal to exhaust the gentleman in question, yet he did exhaust himself on that occasion, and he hoped he would never see the like again, because he thought that act had done the Council more harm than could be undone by five years of wise legislation.

Several other toasts followed which were well proposed and accompanied by appropriate responses. We regret that want of space prevents us from giving any report of them.