

tion of Canadian graduates in medicine in Great Britain, and on the steps now being taken to secure this privilege for Canadian graduates under the liberal provisions of the British Medical Act of 1886.

Arrangements were made for the publication of a triennial list of graduates, and the accounts of the University and a report of the auditor were submitted.

### A BATCH OF DEFINITIONS.

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- ALCHEMY.**—An Eastern Tale of Wonder, told to Science in its infancy.
- AMUSEMENT.**—A toy helping to teach us how to organize labour.
- BALL-POOM.**—A hot-house for growing exotic manners.
- BANK.**—A gilt barge on the river Credit, in which grantees are carried forward by the labour of the horses on the towing-path.
- BEE.**—A labourer, partner, and out-door collector in an extensive sugar factory.
- CHARACTER.**—Personal property which everybody looks after for you.
- CHARITY.**—Sunshine in Iceland.
- CITY.**—The palace of Wealth, and the hiding-place of Poverty.
- CLOCK.**—The sentinel who notes the transit of every passenger through the gate of Time's citadel.
- COMMERCE.**—A cord that binds bodies of nations together, but which often slips on to their necks and strangles them.
- CONTENTMENT.**—The mask under which people conceal their dissatisfaction.
- COQUETTE.**—A child playing with fire.
- CROMWELL.**—A chess-player who struck the King from the board, instead of checking him.
- DEBT.**—The example set by a Government to its people.
- DINNER.**—Mind's daily homage to Body.
- DUEL.**—Folly tampering with murder.
- EMIGRATION.**—One country's draft upon another.
- METAPHYSICS.**—Words to stay the appetite till facts are ready.

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### Societies.

#### McGILL MEDICAL SOCIETY.

The first regular meeting of the McGill Medical Society, for the Winter Session 1888-89, was held on Oct. 5th, at 8 p.m., in the Upper Reading-room. The revision of the by-laws formed the chief business, and when the proposed amendments had been read and adopted, it was decided to have a requisite number of copies printed, so that each member of the society might be presented with one. Future meetings are to be held fortnightly, on Saturday evenings.

The second regular meeting of the McGill Medical Society was held on Saturday, Oct. 13th, at 7.30 p.m., in the Upper Reading-room, the president, Mr. Campbell, in the chair. After miscellaneous business, the paper for the evening was read by Mr. Delaney, the subject being "Medical Humbug," and Mr. Garrow gave a case report. Both subjects were debated by the society, and well appreciated.

The secretary of the society is Mr. H. D. Hamilton.

#### DELTA SIGMA SOCIETY.

On Friday, Oct. 5th, the fourth annual meeting of the Delta Sigma Society was held in the 2nd year class-room, and was opened by Miss Squire, the vice-president, with a few well-chosen words. After reading the constitution, the secretary, Miss Botterell, proceeded to give a report of the society's doings during the past year. Among the many improvements introduced, that of impromptu debates was, perhaps, most noteworthy as having so strongly assisted in giving fluency and confidence to the speakers. This innovation, and the open discussions after the debates, together with the untiring energies of the committee, especially of the president, increased the interest of the students and added to the number of names in the roll-book. The secretary intimated that, although the competitors for the prize given to the best essay on "The Higher Education of Women in Relation to her Social and Domestic Functions," were not many, still the character of work sent in was excellent, and in all probability this competition would become annual. While welcoming all new students in the name of the society, the secretary gave expression to the regret felt by its old members at the absence of those who have had the honour and also the ability to originate what is now a flourishing institution. The new members were then enrolled, after which Miss Derick took the chair while the officers for the coming year were elected. Their names are as follows:—Miss Maude Squire, pres.; Miss Botterell, vice-pres.; Miss Smith, sec.-treas.; committee, Misses Reid, Derick, Finley, and Pitcher. Thanks are hereby tendered to Dr. Murray and Dr. Eaton, for having so kindly altered certain lecture hours to suit the convenience of the Delta Sigma.

The first regular meeting of the Delta Sigma Society was held Thursday, Oct. 25th. A stirring debate—"Resolved, that private life is preferable to public," was opened by Miss Binnmore, on the affirmative, who spoke with great ease and scored some good points for her side. Miss M. N. Evans answered Miss Binnmore with a few well-chosen words, and was ably followed by Miss Smith (affirmative), and Miss Hull (negative), Miss Binnmore closing the debate. The vote was taken and resulted in a victory for the negative by a majority of six.

The president then spoke of the advisability of having a critic at the meetings, and, after some discussion, the votes were taken, resulting in favor of having a critic. Several new members sent in their names and subscriptions, after which the meeting was adjourned.