

By so much reading. It is rather when
We gloriously forget ourselves, and plunge
Soul-forward, headlong, into a book's profound,
Impassioned for its beauty and salt of truth,
'Tis then we get the right good from a book."

—Aurora Leigh.

Let us then determine that every power we possess shall be cultured to the uttermost, that it may be a helpful power to the world in which we live; let us apply to all our reading that twofold injunction of Our Lord: "Take heed *what* ye hear" and "Take heed *how* ye hear," and then *Motive, Matter and Method* alike *Right*, books may be a true aid in fulfilling the noblest end in life, becoming what God means us to be.

A MARVEL.

DEDICATED TO THE SONG BOOK COMMITTEE.

Cau this be so, which now we hear
Whispered around as true.
That our new Song book will appear,
Within a month or two?

We looked not for it yet a while.
In fondest dreams ne'er thought,
That in the space of but three years,
This great work would be wrought.

Blessings on the brave committee
Whom for the work we chose,
They now will live to see their task,
Brought well unto a close.

And their names will long be cherished,
By students old and young.
And the songs that they have gathered,
In future will be sung.

So when our Song book does appear,
As soon I hope it will,
What universal joy there'll be
Throughout our old McGill.

SCHOLASTICUS.

ANNUAL DINNER OF THE MEDICAL FACULTY.

The Undergraduates of the Medical Faculty held their Annual Dinner at the St. Lawrence Hall, on Thursday evening, the 29th inst., where a most sumptuous repast was served up amid an elaborate adornment of bunting, crests, etc., which did great credit to the Committee of Management and to the capabilities of the establishment. The *menu* card in every way was one of rare excellence, *i.e.*, in regard to the beauties and arrangement of the card, and last but not least, as to its more substantial contents, which were served up in a manner creditable to any establishment on the Continent.

The summons to dinner, which came about 8 p.m., was responded to with great ardor by most of those

present, and on entering the room each Student was courteously shown to his seat by one of the Committee of Management, the professors, guests, etc., having previously had their seats allotted. For some few minutes there was a hubbub of voices as the Students admired the tastily decorated dining room, tables, etc., when suddenly one end of the room, as if by magic, became strangely silent, and even while we looked, the silence rapidly spread throughout the room, and we knew that the subject of discussion had been changed, and for the next hour little was heard but the noise of many dishes, cutlery, etc. At the end of this time these noises began to be intermingled with those of voices, the latter again gradually getting the upper hand, and the noise of dishes was exchanged for the clanging of glasses. At this juncture, about 9.15 p.m., Mr. J. Tees, president of the Dinner, arose, and having expressed his regret "that His Excellency the Governor General was unavoidably detained by an important engagement in New York," he opened the further proceedings of the evening by a few well chosen remarks, thanking his fellow-students for the honour they had done him in electing him to the position of President, and hoped that he might be able to do credit to himself and to his Alma Mater. He ended by proposing a toast to Old McGill, which was heartily responded to by all present. Mr. J. D. Flinn (Med. '95) replied to this in a most eloquent speech, referring to the general advancement of McGill intellectually, morally, spiritually and numerically, and in this he referred to the Medical Faculty specially. As a proof of their spiritual advancement, he said, that although they could not boast of a chaplain, they could of a parson who had so instilled himself into the confidence and good graces of his fellow-students, that they, to show their appreciation of him as a man, and of his principles, had elected him to fill the most honorable and responsible position of his Year, that of Valedictorian. He also stated that the appreciation of such good qualities had been greatly influenced by one of our most eminent professors, Dr. T. Wesley Mills, who has always shown a keen interest in the moral advancement of his students.

Mr. Flinn's speech was followed by one from Dr. Johnston (vice Principal), who referred to the past and present history of McGill, with special reference to the advancement of the different Faculties in intellectual and numerical standing, and the gratification which the Medical Faculty experienced in having on their side more students than in any former year, although the course had been lengthened from six to nine months. He concluded by proposing a toast to the Dean and Professors, which was again heartily applauded.

These speeches were followed by others equally