

## ANNUAL DINNER, MCGILL MEDICAL SCHOOL.

The students of this institution held their annual dinner at the Windsor Hotel, on Monday evening, December 19th, about one hundred and fifty being present. Among the guests were Principal Dawson, Drs. Lavell and Sullivan, of Kingston; Prof. Bovey, Mayor Beaudry, C. J. Coursel, M.P., Rev. Principal McVicar, G. W. Stephens, M.P.P., J. J. Curran, Q.C., M.P., the members of the Faculty, and several other gentlemen. Mr. Cameron acted as chairman, while Messrs. Johnson, Wishart and Darcy occupied vice-chairs.

After the usual patriotic toasts, and one to the President of the United States, Mr. W. G. Johnson proposed the "Alma Mater."

Prin. Dawson, who responded, expressed the hope that their Alma Mater would always continue to do all she could for her children, and that the undergraduates would strive to assist her in maintaining the reputation of old McGill. He referred to the late Dean of the Medical Faculty, Dr. Geo. W. Campbell, who, he said, set an example which the students should all follow, if they wished to become upright and successful men; and, if this were done, they would do honour to their Alma Mater, and McGill would have no reason to feel ashamed of either her students or graduates.

The chairman then proposed "The Dean and Professors."

Dr. Scott, in responding, said he had been connected 43 years with the McGill University, and had been engaged as a teacher in the Medical Faculty for 38 years. To show the progress which the Medical Faculty had made, he said that at the organization of the Faculty there were 13 students, and this year they had 187. He concluded by thanking them for the hearty manner in which they had received the toast.

Drs. Lavell and Sullivan, in responding to the "Sister Institutions," were very cordially received. The latter gave some ex-

planations of the recent troubles with the students at Kingston, and at the same time referred to the honourable and upright manner in which the Medical Faculty of McGill University had acted throughout the whole matter. He was sure that they would reap their reward for their action, and it was mainly for the purpose of showing their appreciation of their services that he and his friend Dr. Lavell had come down to this gathering. Dr. F. W. Campbell, Dean of Bishop's College, also responded.

Many other toasts were proposed and responded to, including the "Montreal General Hospital," "Our Guests," "The Class of '83," "The Freshman," "The Ladies," and "The Press."

After spending a most enjoyable evening, the assembly dispersed after singing "God save the Queen."

## STUDENTS' COMPLAINTS AT MCGILL.

The students of the first and second years in McGill Medical College, Montreal, are much exercised about the lectures they receive in *Materia Medica* from Prof. Wright. They consider that the subject is not treated in a way to be of any practical use to them, and, while such is the case, they unfortunately have to wade through his dry and useless details in preparing themselves for examinations, as the lecturer examines in this subject, and his questions can only be answered from notes taken from his lectures. At a meeting held before the holidays, a petition was sent to the Faculty asking for a change. In justice to the students, it may be said, that such complaints are by no means new.

We learn from the *Canada Baptist* that "a very practical and highly appreciated lecture upon the Preservation of Health was delivered to the students of McMaster Hall, on the 1st of December, by H. E. Buchan, M.A., M.D. We commend Dr. Buchan's example to the imitation of others.