

Medicine.

THE Aesculapian Society has appointed a strong committee to handle the Medical Dinner, and already one good man has signified his willingness to speak on that occasion. Another is on the way and it is expected we will have an eminently interesting function. The date is December 19th. Let us get the life into our college affairs. We need goodfellowship, good speakers, and incidentally the good dinner.

So far this season the meetings of the Aesculapian Society have been poorly attended, even so poorly as to call forth a special effort on the part of the officials to induce all the students to attend. It is only fair to say that every man in Medicine should attend a majority of these meetings and get as close as possible to the affairs of interest to students. Nor is this latter the only object to be attained. On Friday the 11th, Dr. Etherington delivered an interesting and able address before the regular meeting, and President McCammon expects to have other members of the faculty deliver addresses on subjects of special interest to medical men. Let everyone plan to spend this hour on Friday in the meetings.

The play-off in the inter-faculty rugby contest resulted rather unfavorably for Medicine. However, we are good enough sports to lose to a better team with proper grace.

It seems that another effort is being made to secure reciprocity between the different provincial boards. This would indicate that there is still hope for Dominion registration and it must come eventually.

In the class in Therapeutics it is strongly emphasized that the physician should not place himself in the hands of manufacturing chemist, but should display a certain amount of originality in the combination of drugs to suit the circumstances. We have no guarantee of reliability in the preparations supplied by the manufacturing chemist and in the use of these preparations there is always a tendency to substitute something "just as good" for what we may really have in mind to prescribe, owing to the fact that it is probably more ready to hand or more convenient in other respects. On the other hand, also, we are not guaranteed any protection by the average pharmacist, but there is no doubt that preparations made up on the recommendation of a physician to a good druggist, are more reliable, especially in point of age, than those supplied by the different firms who conduct large laboratories and flood the market with every combination but perhaps, the right one. At any rate, the average physician should weight in his mind what preparations are likely to prove useful or have been proved useful, and should always be prepared to make up combinations of his own in case those already prepared are not, to his mind, exactly suitable for a given case.