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A SPLENDID ADDRESS.

BY **W. J. A. DEROME, B.A., OF LAVAL UNIVERSITY.**

Delivered at the McGill Students' Banquet in Answer to the Toast "Our Sister Universities."

The honor conferred on me this evening, as delegate of the College of Medicine and Surgery of Montreal University Laval, to your annual dinner, is very gratifying; but the task it imposes is, I fear, above my competency. It is, indeed, very difficult for me to address you in a language not my own, in a language I have been trying to master for a few years back, in a language, I must confess to my own greatest confusion, as hard to master as the indomitable people who speak it. Nevertheless, the hearty welcome I have been greeted with dispels my apprehensions and makes me feel confident that any faults against the rules of Shakespeare will be kindly overlooked.

Our universities are sisters, and as such, hail each other with enthusiasm, and clearly indicate that there is a common ground on which we may join hands in good fellowship. That ground, gentlemen, is the ground of union. I am here this evening to testify to the union that exists between McGill and Laval in this city, apart from any petty strife of creed or nationality. And should I venture to enter into the anatomy of this union, with the scalpel of History in hand, nothing can I find resembling discrepancy or discord from the moment McGill saw rising by its side the University of Laval, whose humble beginnings are now crowned by a magnificent structure on St. Denis street, a living memorial to the patience, energy and zeal of its founders. How could it be otherwise. In a cosmopolitan city like Montreal, in a united province like Quebec, is it not the natural outcome of circumstances based upon the diverse inclinations of two distinct nationalities? McGill for the English and Laval for the French speaking class. Should I now quote the English saying, "The sun shines for everybody," then I would say there is ample room for both to prosper; even more, there is in it a great incentive towards higher achievements in the medical art. We both pursue the same end, and seek by every honest means to cultivate the magistral art of medicine. Let, therefore, emulation and not ambition be our motto. Ambition seeks its end by all means good or bad, emulation endeavors to succeed and lets others succeed. This is, I am proud to say it, the true character that has honored both the professors and the students of our respective universities whenever circumstances have brought them together. A few weeks ago similar sentiments were expressed by your delegate at our annual dinner, and this evening I am only here to re-echo the same feelings, which are not my own personally, but those of all the medical students of Laval. Let us continue to march hand in hand in order that later on, when in the struggle for life we will meet you in French families and you meet us, in English families, as it so often occurs

even at present in this city, people may say: although from different nationalities and different colleges, they are towards one another what gentlemen always are. Were I to dwell any longer on the subject I would not do justice to those I see here, waiting, eager with the desire of expressing themselves in your presence.

One word, gentlemen, and I will finish, and this word will be a word of thanks from our Faculty for your kind invitation that has afforded it the extreme pleasure to be in your midst this evening through its representative, whose imperative duty it will be to make known, at the earliest convenience to whom it may concern, the special attention which he has received at your hands on this occasion.

T. D. SULLIVAN, M. P.

THE GREAT IRISH POET AND PATRIOT IN CANADA.

Mr. T. D. Sullivan, the eminent Irish patriot, poet, journalist and orator, has been in Canada. Last week in Toronto he received a grand ovation. We are unable, this week, owing to lack of space to give his splendid lecture; but in our next issue we shall furnish our readers with all the particulars of his reception, and of his own address as well as those of the others then delivered. We will also give a short sketch of Mr. Sullivan's career in Irish politics. Ages hence he will be known as the writer of the "Irish National Anthem."

Judge—"Your innocence is proved. You are acquitted." Prisoner (to the jury)—"Very sorry, gentlemen, to have given you all this trouble for nothing."

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