

never, except in one case, had reason to regret using it, or to be dissatisfied with its results, so far as he has been able to follow them. Although slow to advocate any one treatment of this affection to the exclusion of all others, he now generally adopts this from the outset in each case, reserving Allingham's operation for any in which the injections may fail. As yet he has met with no such case. Its advantages over all other methods, provided its results prove equally satisfactory, are manifest. The patient is not terrified at the outset by the prospect of a surgical operation, is not confined to his bed, and is not subjected to any suffering. The cure goes on painlessly, and almost without his consciousness. The method requires some practice and some skill in manipulation, in getting a good view of the point to be injected, and in making the injection properly; but this is soon acquired; and he is more and more convinced that the fear of producing ulceration is an exaggerated one, and that when ulceration is produced, it is a result either of a solution of too great strength, or of one improperly administered.

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CELEBRATION OF THE OPENING OF THE FIFTIETH SESSION OF THE FACULTY OF MEDICINE OF McGILL UNIVERSITY.

The occasion of the opening of the 50th Session of the Medical Faculty of McGill University, which took place on the 3rd of October, was made the occasion of celebrations which must have been very gratifying to all who took part in them. On the 4th of October Dr. R. P. Howard, who was that morning elected Dean, in place of Dr. Campbell deceased, delivered an introductory lecture in the Lecture Hall of the Redpath Museum, before a large number of ladies, gentlemen and students. The first portion of the lecture embraced the history of the Faculty from its organisation, but, as the main facts are included

in the paper by Dr. David, which will be found in this issue, we do not publish an abstract of it. The latter half was a history of Dr. Campbell's life and connection with the school. At the conclusion of the lecture a conversazione was held in the Peter Redpath Museum. The guests were received by the wives of the Professors, and promenaded to the delightful music of the Band of the 65th Batt. Canadian Volunteers. Light refreshments were served during the evening.

On the following evening, October 5th, the Faculty entertained about 200 of their graduates and friends to a magnificent banquet, which took place in the large dining hall of the Windsor Hotel. Dr. R. P. Howard, Dean of the Faculty, occupied the chair, supported on either side by the Lieut.-Governor of Quebec, Dr. Robitaille, a graduate in Medicine of the University, and Principal Dawson. Representatives from every Medical School in the Dominion were present, and presented cordial greetings from them to the McGill Faculty of Medicine. The gathering was one long to be remembered by those who took part in it, and the members of the Faculty are to be congratulated upon the handsome manner in which everything was conducted.

THE POPULAR SCIENCE MONTHLY.

The October number of this excellent magazine is of special interest. First and foremost is a portrait and biographical sketch of Professor Virchow, the eminent German pathologist. Although best known in this country as an active scientific worker, he has been no less active in the political world. He has been an alderman of Berlin since 1859, and a member of the Prussian Chamber of Deputies since 1862. He has proved himself to be one of Bismark's most vigorous and formidable opponents, so much so that in 1865 Bismark purposely challenging him to fight a duel.

Dr. Douglas Graham contributes an article on *Massage*, its mode of application and effects. He groups the various massage procedures under four heads, friction, percussion, pressure and movement.

W. Matthew Williams writes on the *Utility of Drunkenness*, holding that drunkenness is not an unmixed evil, but from a Darwinian point of view is really an important factor in the development of the species. He argues that the survival of