

In the year 1850 our school was founded, first known as the Upper Canada School of Medicine, and almost immediately became connected with Trinity College, in the medical department of which it proved exceedingly successful. During its early history, after a few years of most excellent work, it was, for reasons considered desirable by its Faculty, but known only to few living practitioners, for a time discontinued.

In 1871 the Faculty was resuscitated on a broad and liberal basis, and entered upon a career of success unexampled in the history of Canadian medical colleges. In 1871-2 the class numbered fifty-seven, which was considered a large attendance at that time, in view of its being a recently reorganized institution; but one step had been specially taken to render its success certain. The several chairs were filled, not only with professors, but with professors who undoubtedly were able teachers, eminently fitted for their work. This sound policy, inaugurated at the reorganization, has been faithfully observed to the present day, when, I am proud to state, the attendance roll of Trinity Medical College numbers three hundred. In 1877, the regulations governing the affiliation of medical colleges with the Provincial University, underwent a change. Up to this date every medical college in Ontario was affiliated under the then existing University Act. One of the changes made at that time was that no medical college could continue to be affiliated with the Provincial University which was connected, as a medical department, with any other graduating body. Affiliation with the Provincial University was a privilege which had always heretofore been enjoyed, and the Medical Faculty deemed it wise to ask for leave to apply for an independent charter from the Legislature. This leave was given, the charter was readily granted, and the new name given under its special Act of incorporation was Trinity Medical School. The school was then, as it is at present, a perfectly independent teaching, medical institution, with power "to affiliate the school with any University or Universities empowered to grant degrees in medicine, surgery, and midwifery;" such is the wording of the clause, and under this power all our existing affiliations have been made. This special Act also empowers the school to hold examinations, such as we have recently had to pass before the Faculty, and to confer such medals, certificates of qualification, or of honor, or such other credentials as the corporation may see fit. Under this we have had our medals awarded, our certificates of honor and fellowship diplomas conferred upon those students whose standing is such as in the opinion of the Faculty, after carefully conducted examinations, entitled them to such honors. In 1887, after eleven years of annually increasing success, the Legislature saw fit to change the name of the corporation, raising it to the style and dignity of a college, to the new name we at present enjoy, Trinity Medical College.

With this brief synopsis and hastily prepared sketch of a few important events in the history of our College, I turn for a moment to you, sir,

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of our Faculty, so long identified with her rapid progress. With feelings of earnest gratitude and affec-

tionate regard, shared by my fellow-students, and re-echoed wherever your name is mentioned, I have only to say that you, sir, a member of a family bearing distinguished names in the Mother Country as eminent divines and university geological professors, have yourself done grand work for our medical profession and our beloved College. Your long, laborious, and successful career as a medical teacher, ever so kindly and devotedly interested in the students' welfare, has largely aided in the building up of our prosperous College, and has won for you golden opinions from all. We trust, sir, a kind Providence may long spare your valuable life, that you may with unabated zeal continue to watch over, and, by your ability, experience, and wisdom, assist in the deliberations and advancement of our favored institution.

The names of the gentlemen composing our Faculty, ranking high in talent, acknowledged worth, and popular favor, are to her a tower of strength, and the surest guarantee of the maintenance of the prestige and the future extension of the usefulness of Trinity Medical College.

To you, professors and teachers, who have, in the faithful discharge of your onerous duties, always exhibited such self-sacrificing interest in our welfare, who have constantly sought to instruct and guide us aright, to whom we have looked up as men worthy of our esteem and emulation, rest assured we part from you with much regret, and we shall ever cherish towards you, and each of you, feelings of the warmest and highest regard.

It now remains for me, fellow-students, in closing this day with others of my co-workers my college life, to say to you, that midst the inexpressible pleasure of kindly spoken words of congratulation, there is in my heart a touch of sadness, looking, for the last time in all probability we will all meet within this hall, at your familiar faces, realizing the fact that we must to-day sever our student relationship, and start out into the busy, bustling world, fully empowered to enter upon our professional career. How sudden the changes! How serious the responsibility! From the home study, the lecture-room, and the hospital, to the real, earnest work of the medical practitioner, as experienced by him in every-day life; how it behooves us to cultivate calmness, tenderness, courage, and skilfulness, to watch assiduously every symptom in the disease and every change in the patient, to keep our brains healthy and our intellects unimpaired, that we may be enabled to patiently examine, study, and work out a diagnosis in every case; that with the knowledge in our minds, and the burden on our consciences, that the great issues of life and death are largely entrusted to our keeping, dependent on our treatment and care, we may be ever vigilant and faithful in the discharge of our duties. The young medical practitioner requires every hour that can be devoted from rest and active practice for study and research, in this day of rapidly developing knowledge in the field of medical science. The man who aspires to greatness in his profession, who aims at prominence and promotion amongst his fellow-practitioners, must be ever watchful, industrious, painstaking, and conscientious.

In conclusion, fellow-students, let us remember we