

alma mater one of the largest and most richly endowed colleges of this continent or of Europe, do not, I say, allow this to damp your ardor or to check your ambition to make for yourselves a name in the world of medical science. Remember that some of the brightest jewels in the diadem of the goddess of medicine have been placed there as the result of patient thought and faithful observation.

You will, as young doctors, have your patience taxed to the uttermost, by having to work, with but little recognition of your labor. Doctors' bills are nearly always—and I speak advisedly—the last ones paid. And not once, but many times have I had remarks similar to the following made to me. Well, Doctor, I am so sorry that your little bill is not yet settled; but we got behind last year, and had to pay a big grocer's bill, that had been standing; then my wife had to go away to see her mother, and I had to pay so much on that lot I bought, and the boys cost so much now they are at boarding school; and so on and so on; but as soon as I get these matters straightened up I shall let you have a little on account as I can. I tell you this is not overdrawn, and you will get just such treatment from a man who, without the slightest compunction, and, indeed, from his standpoint, as a *RIGHT*, and, indeed, as a compliment to you, had you out of your bed, a year or a year and a half before to attend the wants, pressing or otherwise, of some member of his family. There was no waiting THEN. You are *FIRST* to serve, and you find that, in the great majority of cases, you will be *LAST* to be paid. You will often be paid grudgingly (sometimes, thank God, thankfully, cheerfully and gratefully), as in pay for "a dead horse." Your charges—moderate though they be—will sometimes be questioned, and you will occasionally be almost obliged to haggle over the *price* of your professional services. Then will your soul go out in sorrow, that ever the noble profession enrolled you among its members. It has been well said by the old satirist—

Three faces wears the doctor; when first sought,  
An angel's; and a god's, the cure half-wrought;  
But when that cure complete, he seeks his fee,  
The devil looks less terrible than he.

The great Dr. Samuel Johnson describes the practice of medicine as "a melancholy attendance on misery, a mean submission to peevishness and a continual interruption of pleasure." You will have to contend with more or less quackery even here in well protected Ontario. As Dr. John W. Draper has well said, "There has been through all the ages, constantly hanging about honest workers, in our science, a host of imposters and quacks, who will continue to thrive, so long as there are weak-minded and shallow men to be deluded, and vain and silly women to believe."

So, gentlemen, you have concluded to devote yourselves to this profession, and are willing to give the labor of your youth, your vigorous manhood, and old age even, for the sake of doing good; for of what man may it be more truly said than of the conscientious physician that he goes in and out among the people doing good. What will be your reward. If you are faithful you will be sure, not of riches, or wide spread power, or great distinction, though these may come, but of the approbation of your own conscience in the contemplation well done, of having spent a useful life chiefly for the good of others, of the honor which society will bestow upon you as one who could be ill-spared from your community, and the gratitude of many whom you have relieved or whose lives from pain and disability you have saved. In a word, you have chosen for your life-work that which is "the *noblest* of professions; the *meanest* of trades. Unless you can live lives of purity, of virtue, of honor, and of honesty, seek a livelihood elsewhere, and insult not the gods by striving through base methods and ignoble ambitions to resemble them."

#### Y.M.C.A. RECEPTION.

A VERY pleasant evening was passed by those who attended the reception given by the Medical Students Y.M.C.A., to the new students in the city Y.M.C.A. parlors on the 9th inst.

A number of the professors from both Colleges were present, as well as members of their families.

A choice programme was rendered. Consisting of singing by Mr. Harold Jarvis, recitation by Miss Wetherall, and address by Dean Geikie, of Trinity Medical College, also Dean Aikens of Toronto.

The whole building was thrown open for inspection, the gymnasium proved specially interesting to all.

Between the parts of the programme refreshments were served.

The students new and old, as well as the nurses and lady medical students, testify to the enjoyable time they had spent.

We trust that this may be only a beginning—as occasions like this enables the students to become better acquainted among themselves as well as to meet their professors—and altogether makes them feel more at home in the great, strange city, that is to be their home while pursuing their medical studies.

#### LITERARY AND SCIENTIFIC SOCIETY.

ELECTIONS for offices of the Literary and Scientific Society was held Thursday, Oct. 8th. All the officers were elected by acclamation, some in the first year.

The officers for the year are as follows:—President, A. S. Tilley; 1st Vice-President, G. K. M. Gordon, 2nd Vice-President, J. S. Matheson; 3rd Vice-President, Fred Parker; Secretary, F. W. Carlow; Treasurer, A. L. Danard; Councillors, R. A. Buck, J. G. Lamont.

#### FOOT-BALL.

THE foot-ball club was re-organized at a meeting on Friday night, Oct. 9th, with the following officers:—President, Dr. Sheard; Vice-President, N. Anderson; Captain, J. E. King; Secretary-Treasurer, J. M. Jory; Committee, R. M. Mitchell, J. H. Duncan, F. A. White, J. H. Ferguson, D. Sheer.

There is no reason why the club should not make a good record this year, the great drawback is the lack of grounds on which to play, but we believe they have secured ground on the Don Flats. The first practice was held Wednesday morning last, when there was a large turnout.

## Personal.

DR. DIXON, '89, is at present in town.

DR. J. CROOKS, '91, has gone to England to walk the hospitals.

DR. AINSLEY P. ARDAGH, '89, has taken the Triple qualification at Edinburgh.

DR. FRED MERRITT, '91, is at present taking charge of a practice in New York City.

MR. A. CLEGHORN is the resident physician at the Home for Incurables for the current year.

DR. W. ANTY, '91, will shortly leave for British Columbia, where he intends practicing. The best wishes of his friends at Trinity will go with him.

For the last two months Dr. C. A. Temple, '91, has been suffering from a violent attack of inflammatory rheumatism, but we are glad to see him about again and quickly recovering. He will probably resume his duties as House Surgeon at the hospital in about two weeks.