

have been overshadowed by the establishment of the most admirable Agricultural College which the world has ever seen.

Some years ago you carried away the head of one of the Colleges belonging to the University in the "grey old town" to preside over your labours, while we who are connected with that ancient seat of learning have, within the last few weeks spirited away one of the most brilliant of your younger colleagues. Such interchanges are fraught with far reaching influences for good. We have many other ties between us. The names of Osler, Roddick and Shepherd, to mention only those connected with the Medical Faculty, are inscribed on the rolls both of Montreal and Edinburgh. In the other Faculties there are also bonds of union with many of the Universities of the United Kingdom, and we are therefore not merely united by the ties of sympathy, but by those of personal connection.

The commonwealth of learning throughout the world shared the grief of the University in the loss sustained by the Medical Faculty through the lamentable fires which destroyed the results of many years of labour, but observed with delight the dauntless energy with which you at once set to work to repair the damage and replace what had been swept away. The new buildings which are now arising like a Phoenix, as the late Dean has well put it, from the ashes of their predecessors, are an evidence of the indomitable spirit with which the University is instinct.

That the good fortune which has attended the Faculty of Science may be extended to that of medicine, is the sincere wish of the many friends you possess on both sides of the Atlantic, who felt the deepest sympathy with you in your misfortunes. The hope has been universally expressed that some man of open mind with a large heart and a long purse will realize the importance of a good endowment towards the erection of a perfect medical school. While recognizing that a school is not necessarily created by bricks and mortar, and that imposing piles of stone and lime do not themselves form a university, yet we acknowledge that many departments of modern medical research can only be carried out in suitable structures, and we realize the mutual influence of beautiful buildings and a university spirit. It is matter for regret that only half of the new home of the Medical School, now in progress, can at present be erected for want of funds, and that years may elapse before it can be completed. Will you let me express the earnest desire that you may have the aid of friends in need?

It would not become me at this time to dwell upon the achievements of the University in the varied walks of knowledge. The special matter to which it is my wish to direct your attention will afford an opportunity of showing that, in those fields best known to me, yeoman work