

[Laughter.] I quite assure you that I am not displeased with him this evening at all events, because by making me his junior it brings me nearer to the boys. [Applause.] Now and at all times I do feel very near to the young man in spirit, in interest and in sympathy. [Applause.] Sitting as I am privileged to-night beside your honored Dean, and looking at the rows of young men who are entering on the same profession, I am glad to see that you recognize in him one who has attained a position in his profession of which he may well feel proud, and that you regard that position with pride, too. You must feel with very great satisfaction that you have such worthy teachers, who are able and anxious to send you forth prepared to do honor to the high reputation of McGill. It has been well said by Mr. Stewart that the benefactors of McGill or any other medical school are not alone the men who give a little money, but the men who give their time, talent and energy to the school as your professors do. [Applause.] The position of the teacher is never a remunerative one. Anyone in the noble profession of medicine, if he cared for money, could make a great deal more than by teaching. It is because your professors are anxious for the honor of their University, and because they desire to educate worthy successors of themselves, that they devote their time and talents. When you find McGill turning out a man like Dr. Osler, who is a teacher of his profession in one of the first medical schools of the United States, you have reason to be proud of your Alma Mater. [Applause.] It gives me very great pleasure to hear from Professor Johnson that the art faculty for ladies is progressing so well, and that the announcement was received with the greatest cordiality by you. There may be different opinions on the subject of introducing ladies as members of the medical profession, but I am sure you will all join me in saying that we ought to be glad that women are willing and determined to advance themselves in learning as far as they can—[hear]—and that you will receive all most cordially who come to your University to be so instructed. With those ties which commence at the altar and continue through life, is it not well that our helpmates should be those who are scholarly, who are intelligent, and who can discuss matters on a par with yourselves? Coming to your own profession, is it not well that women should be instructed so as to become intelligent associates with you at the bedside of the sick, and that they should be intelligent associates we may hope that here, as it is in England and elsewhere, that some of the most educated ladies shall become nurses in the hospitals as well as in private families? It would be a very