

themselves were Alumni. From time to time, the Faculty thus organized, although contending against want of pecuniary means and numerous other adverse circumstances, added to the number of its Teachers and the efficiency of its instructions, until the year 1845, when it completed, in the advantageous sub-division of labour, its present very extensive teaching staff, consisting of nine Professors and one Demonstrator. The senior members of the Faculty can now welcome, with pride and pleasure, their former pupils as their valued and able colleagues and fellow-laborers.

The Universities of Great Britain, and the Colleges of Surgeons of England, Scotland and Ireland, early recognised the McGill College class certificates and degrees, as equivalent to their own, in entitling their holders to become candidates for University Honors and Surgical Diplomas. Our Graduates spread over the length and breadth of the Canadas, have, we believe, as a body, done no discredit to our instructions. We have representatives in England, one in the great metropolis, a frequent and able contributor to the Medical Periodical Literature of his native city, and now regularly employed in the editorial staff of the London Lancet. One of our Graduates, after competing successfully at public concours for an Hospital appointment in Victoria, Australia, has already realized an ample fortune, and still remains there, a highly popular and favored Medical Practitioner; and another has just returned on a brief visit to his native country, from Oregon, Vancouver's Island, and the new Fraser River Gold Regions, after five year's absence, where he has had an equally fortunate career. Three gentlemen, natives of Canada, and Graduates of this University, are now serving Her Majesty in regimental and staff appointments in India; and upon six previous instances, as upon the present occasion, we have had the great pleasure of conferring our degree upon gentlemen serving as medical officers with the Troops in Canada. You will thus perceive, Gentlemen, that we have some cause for thankfulness at the measure of success which has hitherto attended our labours, and the number of Graduates of the present session, is an evidence that public confidence in the character of our teaching is assuredly not diminishing.

I am certain, I can say with truth, that we, as a body, have earnestly laboured for the moral, intellectual and political exaltation of our profession; that we have endeavoured to keep pace in our instructions with the modern progress of science; that we have not neglected the important practical bearing upon the rational and philosophical treatment of disease which the discoveries in the recent advances of Chemistry, Microscopic Anatomy, Physiology and Patho-