

pression of a regard that had evolved into an affection, based upon the mutual interests of professors and undergraduates. The interests of the professors, he said, were to give the best foundation in medical science to their pupils, to enkindle in them a love of learning for its own sake, and to inculcate those higher principles by which men of science should be actuated; and that the interests of the students consisted not only in individually availing themselves of those advantages, but to co-operate in maintaining them by perpetuating the dignity and importance which has always characterised McGill, and that standard of excellence, both among professors and undergraduates, which had made the University what it is—a result obtainable only by co-operation; let them strive to make the possession of a McGill degree as enviable a passport to society as the magic *Circi-Romanus* Sun of the Romans. In an eloquent reference to Dr. Osler's departure, he expressed his sorrow for a loss which no one could appreciate so fully as himself, a loss which, however, much may have been professionally repaired by his able successor, could never be personally compensated for. After an allusion to the project of a University Dining Hall, mentioned by the Principal, and pledging his assistance to the scheme, the Dean took his seat amid prolonged applause. [Concluded in our next.]

The following is a letter received from Dr. Osler in acknowledgement of a testimonial—in the shape of a gold watch—sent him by his former pupils of the 2nd, 3rd and 4th year men in Medicine:—

UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA,
PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 4th, 1884.

To the members of classes '85, '86 and '87.

My dear students, for so you always were, and to address you so expresses my feelings still, I cannot tell you how much I appreciate your great kindness in sending the beautiful present which I have just received. I thank you for it most sincerely.

But I have to thank you and your predecessors of nine classes for a present even richer and more enduring, one which I esteem above anything I possess, your confidence and your love; the consciousness that during the ten years of my sojourn at McGill I won the esteem of the successive classes, lies deep among my most cherished feelings, and shall ever be indissolubly joined in my mind with those most sacred and enduring memories of family, home and friendship. As I look into the future such a feeling is at once a comfort and a stimulus, dashed though it be at present with the thought that there was an element of ingratitude in leaving McGill, an *Alma Mater* so kind, students so devoted and colleagues so considerate: but this source of present worry, time with its kindly friction will doubtless efface.

That time which you have enabled me to measure more accurately will soon bring upon you the serious responsibilities of life, and amid the busy cares of practice the memories of your college days will grow dim as a dream at noonday. But there will come critical periods in your careers—of doubt, of anxiety and perhaps of mental distress—in which your thoughts will turn back to your old teachers and the

effect of their influence or example will then become manifest, and if in such moments any words of mine or the influence of my work among you enables you the better to battle with difficulties within or without, my labor will not have been in vain.

I remain,
Your former teacher
And ever your friend.

WILLIAM OSLER.

The rush of books will shortly necessitate the providing of more accommodation in the Library. A large case for books in front of the window facing the door is proposed, and cases for the same purpose to stand where the reading tables are now placed are talked of. In the latter event, readers would take refuge in the alcoves.

The only result of the recent controversy upon the question of separate or co-education seems to be that the Faculty are now more bent than ever upon pursuing the former policy. They have announced that the ladies will not be ranked with the freshmen in the Xmas examination.

An improvement is to be effected in the Arts Reading Room by the removal of the antiquated desk, and the substitution of a new and tastefully designed article to replace the aforesaid relic.

Societies.

UNDERGRADUATES' LITERARY SOCIETY.

The great interest taken in this society during the present term was manifested by the very large attendance at its meetings. The opening meeting was held on Oct. 3rd, when the following officers were elected:—President, A. H. U. Colquhoun; 1st vice-president, N. P. Yates; 2nd vice-president, R. Henderson; secretary, S. Moore; asst.-sec., T. Henderson; treasurer, E. P. Matthewson; committee, Messrs. G. F. Calder, J. McDougall, F. Fopp, A. P. Murray and Wm. Lochhead.

The following gentlemen have favored the society with essays, all of which were exceedingly interesting: Mr. Lochhead, "The Gulf Stream," Mr. Patterson, "An Essay on the Press;" Mr. Colquhoun, "The Life of James Payne;" Mr. H. S. McLennan, "A Practical Study of the French Language;" Mr. McDougall, "The Battle of Chateauguay;" Mr. Frank Pedley, "The Darwin Theory;" and also one by Mr. Dalpi. The following subjects have been debated during the present session:—"The Abolition of the House of Lords," "Reciprocity between United States and Canada," "Would the passing of the Scott Act be beneficial to Canada," "Should Canada elect her own Governor-General," which were decided in favor of the affirmative, and "Should the German system of examination be substituted for that in use in Canada," "Are the mental capacities of the male sex superior to those of the female," "The Annexation of Jamaica," "Is the existence of parties in the State beneficial to the public welfare," which were decided negatively. The Constitution, Rules of Order and By-Laws are