

which was subsequently incorporated under the name of "The Montreal School of Medicine and Surgery." The organ of this school was the "Montreal Medical Gazette," which had, as I have already mentioned, an existence of only fifteen months. Under the able editorial management of Drs. Sutherland and Badgley, this journal maintained a high-toned and, as much as could be expected, an impartial character. To the accusation that, in establishing a school of medicine, they had been actuated by a factious opposition to McGill, they returned an indignant denial. "Of this," they said, "we are not guilty. We unequivocally disavow all intention of opposition or hostility. Is our undertaking treason? Is our course stratagem? Is our end spoil? We acknowledge not any sovereignty, any divinity in science which we may not attempt to reach. Have we done aught in secret or in malice? Our deeds have been open as the noon-day; our acts are beneficent as those of mortals may be. Are we agrarians in the field of intellectual acquirements—levellers of the standard of mental excellence? Are we not engaged in attempting to extend the range of intelligence? Are we not labouring to elevate our profession by all our humble efforts?" They were nevertheless powerful advocates of the interests of incorporated schools of medicine, unconnected with chartered universities, claiming for such schools especially the privilege to be conferred by legislative enactment, of issuing diplomas or certificates to be acknowledged as *ad practicandum* licenses, entitling the holders thereof to practise Medicine and Surgery in Lower Canada without being obliged to submit to further examination by a Provincial Board. This question remained an open one, giving rise to much animated and even acrimonious discussion, until it was finally settled by the Act passed in 1847, incorporating the profession of Medicine of Lower Canada under the title of "The College of Physicians and Surgeons of Lower Canada." By this Act, as I have already mentioned, the only medical diplomas carrying with them *ad practicandum* rights are those issued by chartered universities.

In the year 1849, Dr. Sutherland severed his connection with the "Montreal School of Medicine and Surgery" to accept the chair of Chemistry in the Medical Faculty of McGill College. This position he occupied until the year 1867. Possessed of a striking physique, and of a fine-toned, resonant voice, these, in conjunction with a remarkable command of language and a fluent, impressive delivery, made him