

papers, animadverting in no measured terms upon the practice adopted at the University, and upon Dr. White as its author; until, finally, matters reached such a height, that an action for libel was instituted "by the people against Dr. Horatio N. Loomis, which was tried at the Erie County Oyer and Terminer, June 24, 1850. The report of the trial is exceedingly interesting, and embraces the testimony of a number of the leading Physicians of the United States, specially subpoenaed, almost every one of whom fully sustained Dr. White. The testimony was exceedingly strong against the Defendant, and although the District Attorney in his opening address condemned the course of the Defendant in severe yet appropriate terms—and although the charge of Mr. Justice Mallet, characterized as it was by legal learning and scientific research—was also against the defendant, yet the Jury brought in a verdict of "not guilty."

While we are unwilling to admit the slightest superiority in the mode of teaching Midwifery adopted by Dr. White, over that commonly practised, viz: personal bed-side attendance, as obtains most usually in all our Lying-in Hospitals, we do not intend to find fault with him in his adoption of the former method. The practice does, however, in our opinion, carry with it a violation of one of the fundamental rules of the lying-in chamber: that all *unnecessary exposure of the patient should be avoided*. The accoucheur's eyes should, in all cases of a *natural description of labor*, be at *his fingers' ends*; and the student's education in Midwifery should be perfected at his digital extremities. Entertaining these views, we do not approve of the *demonstrative mode* of teaching Midwifery; but we nevertheless cannot but most heartily condemn the conduct of the "seventeen" as one of the grossst breaches of professional decorum and courtesy, with which we have ever met, and displaying a degree of ignorance and presumption as to the practice of "civilized communities" for which we were wholly unprepared.

COLLEGE OF PHYSICIANS  
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QUEBEC, Oct. 8, 1850.

At the semi-annual meeting of the Board of Governors, of the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Lower Canada, held this day, at the School of Medicine, Quebec, there were present,

Dr. Blanchet, V.P.	Dr. Tetu,
" Von Iffland,	" Marmette,
" Hall,	" Brigham,
" Badeau,	" Peltier,
" Marquis,	" Jackson,
" Kimber,	" Russell,
" Sewell,	" Marsden,
" David,	" Morrin,
" Weillbrenner,	" Bardy,
" Nault.	

Dr. Blanchet, Vice-President, having taken the chair, the minutes of the meeting of the 10th July last, at Three Rivers, were read—as was also a letter from Dr. Francis Fortier, of St. Michel, District of Quebec, declining to accept of his nomination as one of the Governors, and tendering his resignation—which, on motion, was accepted.

Excuses for non-attendance at this meeting were offered by Drs. Johnston, Sutherland, Chamberlin, Fowler, and Arnoldi; which were accepted as satisfactory. The report from the committee named at the triennial meeting to examine the Treasurer's books, accounts, &c., reported that they had duly examined all, and found everything correct, and a sum of £133 10s. in the City and District Savings' Bank, at the credit of the College.

The committee to which was referred the matter of obtaining a testimonial of the late Dr. Arnoldi, reported at length recommending that a Likeness painted in oil, should be obtained, which report was received and adopted, and the committee empowered to obtain one.

Moise Sabourin, M. D., McGill College, having been duly sworn, was granted his License.