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Original Communications.

REMINISCENCES CONNECTED WITH THE MEDICAL PROFESSION IN MONTREAL DURING THE LAST FIFTY YEARS.

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MR. PRESIDENT AND GENTLEMEN,—I entered upon the study of Medicine in January, 1829, being, as was then required by law, indentured for four years to Dr. William Caldwell, and the leading medical men in Montreal were: Daniel Arnoldi, J. B. Latourdaï, Wm. Robertson, Wm. Caldwell, Robert Nelson, H. P. Leodle, A. F. Holmes, Wm. Pardey, Henry Mount, John Stevenson, J. B. C. Trestler, Benjamin Berthelet, James Campbell, W. J. Vallee, J. B. Meillieur, O. T. Bruneau, C. G. O'Doherty, Charles H. Castle, F. C. T. Arnoldi, Pierre Beaubien, Sam. Waller, and several others whose names have escaped my recollection. Drs. Caldwell and Robertson had the principal English practice, and were both retired Medical Officers of the Army. Dr. Robertson settled in this city in 1815 and Dr. Caldwell in 1817.

These two gentlemen, with Drs. A. F. Holmes

and John Stephenson, about the year 1818 I think, were active in establishing a hospital for the English-speaking inhabitants, as from the increasing population of the city, which then was about 30,000, the Hotel Dieu Nunnery, as it was then named, was found to be too small. With the assistance of our merchants a house was hired, and a hospital was opened on a small scale; and after one year's trial it was found to effect so much good that, to give it a permanency, a subscription was opened to raise money to purchase a piece of ground and erect a building, which was done; and in 1821 the centre building of the Montreal General Hospital, on Dorchester street, was built; and it was opened for the reception of patients in 1822, and Drs. Leodle and Lyons were associated with Drs. Robertson, Caldwell, Stephenson and Holmes as Attending Physicians. In this same year these gentlemen, having a hospital for clinical teaching met together, and decided to open a School of Medicine with the following staff:

- Anatomy and Physiology, Dr. Stephenson.
- Chemistry and Pharmacy, Dr. Holmes.
- Practice of Physic, Dr. Caldwell.
- Midwifery and Diseases of Women and Children, Dr. Robertson.
- Materia Medica, Dr. Leodle.
- Surgery, Dr. Stephenson.

and in the course of the summer, Botany was added, and taken by Dr. Holmes.

This school was entitled The Montreal Medi-