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THE PLACE OF CHEMISTRY IN A MEDICAL  
EDUCATION.

THE INTRODUCTORY LECTURE IN THE FACULTY OF MEDICINE  
OF MCGILL UNIVERSITY FOR THE SESSION OF 1893-94.

BY PROF. R. F. RUTTAN.

We meet to-day in conformity with the well established custom of our Faculty to inaugurate by a lecture the session of 1893-94. To-day we plant the sixty-first milestone which marks the progress and development of our school. I need not tell you with what gratification I find myself, though almost the junior member of the Faculty, in the position which my colleagues have been courteous enough to assign to me—a gratification which would be complete were it not for the sense of responsibility which the position involves, a position which my own consciousness assures me might, with greater benefit and pleasure to you, have been conferred on one of the others about me.

One of the chief causes of gratification which the position gives me is that I am able to offer you all on behalf of the Faculty a hearty welcome back to the halls of your Alma Mater, to assure those of you who are now just entering on the threshold of a life of study that this welcome is more than the formal one of a professor to his class, but is that of friend to friend—to remind you that as fellow-students in a profession which demands such sacrifices of time and self as medicine, we all have the same great object in life.