

A BRIEF REVIEW OF KINGSTON MEDICAL COLLEGE.

On the 15th December, 1904, my duties as Professor of Surgery in the Medical College terminated. Some time after a reporter of the *News* requested me to write for his paper an epitome of my career as student or teacher in the Medical College here, and the progress of surgery, in the life of that institution, a period of fifty years.

REASONS FOR CONSENT.

I hesitated to assume so arduous a task, but reflection convinced me that it was more than to please the all-powerful newspaper or "to see one's name in print." There were other reasons which appealed so strongly to me as to be an obligation. I recalled occasions when as a member of the Historical Society we often lamented the supineness, so general, which caused so many more or less important events to fall into oblivion, solely for want of a written record. This appealed forcibly to me, for on enquiry I found, singular to say, that there are no records or minutes of meetings, that I could consult, in existence, hence the greater need of relating events which if unnoticed would be forgotten. Strongest of all, I am the only one living to-day of that small band which in the hour of crisis came to the rescue and by the most heroic efforts saved the Medical College to this city and country. It was therefore an obligation on me to perpetuate the generous self-sacrifice, the virtuous and loyal attachment of these men to this city and to their profession, whose only reward was the pleasure of doing good. I resolved to make an attempt to give a brief narrative of what I witnessed and took part in.

WHO ORIGINATED THE SCHOOL.

In going over this very brief history of the Medical School of this city, now so flourishing, and I may say in ratio profitable to all concerned, I have no positive information who was the first to move in the matter. Why it is so I do not know. I always suspected Dr. Douglas, a former graduate in Arts, because the first detachment were all fourth year men and all from Trinity School. All will acknowledge it was a bold—almost a rash enterprise. The size of Kingston, the capacity of the Hospitals and the number of qualified men, were all unfavorable. Moreover, there was no urgent demand for it; the larger cities, Quebec, Montreal and Toronto, had Schools well equipped and would certainly not give the least encouragement, and they did not, but the contrary.