

deemed suitable, were refused by their proprietors to be rented for such a purpose. At last a top flat was secured in a building on the northeast corner of McGill and Notre Dame streets, it being sub-leased from the Chemists' Association. The date for opening the school was fixed for the 4th of October, 1871, and the opening lecture to be delivered by the Dean, Dr. David. This fact was duly advertised, also that the Registration book was open. The first name entered upon it was Wolfred Nelson, a son of the late Dr. Horace Nelson, and a grandson of the late Dr. Wolfred Nelson, an ex-Mayor of Montreal and well known in Canadian political life. The opening lecture was delivered on the date named. The audience was not large, but among those present was the late Dr. William Sutherland, Professor of Chemistry in McGill University. Work was then commenced and the lectures regularly delivered, and the dissecting-room opened. Many interesting anecdotes of this first session might be given, but they would occupy too much space; one will suffice. My class for the first two weeks consisted of two students, viz., Mr. Richmond Spencer, and Mr. Robert Costigan. About the end of the second week, on arriving to deliver my lecture, I found that my class had diminished by one-half. Mr. Robert Costigan was absent. I was told he had been induced to leave and go to McGill College. Depressed by this desertion, but not discouraged, I lectured for a whole week to the remaining member of the class, when Mr. Costigan returned to his first love. He attended the College for three years, and graduated M.D. from Bishop's, April, 1874. The means used to detach Mr. Costigan were not fair. I will not say more, though the details are as clear in my mind to-day as if they had occurred but yesterday.

By the time the registration book closed in December, twenty-five students had registered their names. On the 4th of April, 1872, the first Convocation of the Faculty took place at Lennoxville, the Chancellor of the University, the late Hon. Edward Hale, conferring degrees. The entire