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We have delayed the publication of this number of the Journal in order to lay before our readers the announcement of the recent appointments in McGill College, but as there is no prospect of matters being brought to a close until the issue of some intrigues is ascertained, we cannot delay any longer. Suffice it to say, that as usual, irregularity and precipitancy have characterised the proceedings of the Faculty, and that as heretofore, though checked by the Governors, they have been successful enough to carry their measures in defiance of the opinion so generally expressed both privately and publicly by the profession of this city. From all that has occurred, we can, however, discover some facts that may be interesting to those of our readers who are about attending the practice of our hospitals, and it is this, that there is but little surgical practice in the Montreal General Hospital. There is no opportunity there for teaching that department—no inducement to a surgeon to devote himself to Clinical Surgery. Where are the proofs of this assertion? They are furnished by the movements of the faculty. The chair of Clinical Medicine became vacant by the resignation of Dr. Sewell, and instead of the vacancy being announced to the profession, the Governors have sanctioned a hole and corner proceeding by which Dr. Crawford, who had lectured on Clinical Surgery for some years, exchanges that chair for Clinical Medicine. Now, let us inquire why this sagacious surgeon has made election of Clinical Medicine. Is it not because he has never had a field for teaching surgery in the Hospital?—is it not because he has never had cases to lecture upon?—is it not because he has been obliged to spin out his course with subjects purely medical. How do *we* happen to know these facts? Because we have been a lecturer on Clinical Medicine to the College—because we did refuse the chair of Clinical Surgery, on the grounds that there was not sufficient material in the Hospital for the purpose of a clinical course—and moreover, we know the fact from the circumstance of our private clinical course given in 1849-50, being attended by more than double