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### *Original Communications.*

#### RETIRING ADDRESS DELIVERED AT THE MEETING OF THE MEDICO-CHIRURGICAL SOCIETY OF MONTREAL.

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The Constitution and custom of this Society make it incumbent on the retiring President to take a retrospective glance at the work done by its members during the year. The clause in the Constitution which imposes this condition was written at a time when papers were less numerous and less varied in their scope than at present, and when the meetings of the Society were less frequent.

There are, moreover, features of interest now, which are to a great extent novel, yet, withal, so varied that it would be impossible to detail without confusing them and destroying their distinctness. For the work of the Society is not now limited to reading and discussing papers. Questions of

general medical interest—of medical politics—now and then come before it. Cases met with in practice are related; have their features discussed, and their difficulties sometimes perhaps increased, sometimes solved; and, with an occasional exception, pathological specimens are placed before us at every meeting, evidencing, at the same time, the most varied alteration in structure which morbid conditions create, or by which they are created, and the unwearying industry with which those departures from the norm are made obvious to our senses. In this special work I must record my own and the Society's indebtedness to our gifted friend, Dr. Osler.

During the past year the following papers among others were read before the Society:

- Sub-diaphragmatic Abscess, by Dr. Gardner.
- Case of Obstruction of Bowels, recovery after 67 days, by Dr. Edwards.
- Remarks on Club Foot, by Dr. Roddick.
- Vaccination in Skin Diseases, by Dr. Bessey.
- Dilatation of Stomach, by Dr. A. L. Smith.
- Delayed Resolution in Pneumonia, Dr. Osler.
- Chronic Cystitis, treated by rapid dilatation of Urethra, by Dr. Gardner.
- Puerperal Rheumatism, by Dr. Molson.