

benefits received, she would always gladly afford help as nurse to other inmates, whose tender years and helplessness require constant attention.

We write in all earnestness, hoping that our views may be endorsed by other more influential citizens, who are proverbially benevolent, and who require but to have the matter brought home to their hearts, when we feel certain of a ready and willing response. We write furthermore in the interest of an institution with which we have been connected for the last fifteen years, and whose usefulness we have endeavoured to augment, by the establishment of an Hospital in connection therewith having the above objects. We refer to the Montreal Dispensary. We need but a helping hand not alone of a pecuniary character; we would gladly see the management of that institution in the hands of a committee of earnest hardworking and benevolent men, and we feel certain that it would soon become one of the most noble charities in Canada.

Our fellow citizens should not regard it as in any way clashing in interest with the Montreal General Hospital. There is room for both charities, as their objects are distinct, separate, each in their way useful, and most urgently necessary.

MCGILL UNIVERSITY.

THE HOLMES GOLD MEDAL, MEDICAL FACULTY PRIZE.

Since the last convocation the Medical Faculty in this University determined to establish a gold medal prize to be awarded for superior excellence to a member of the graduating class only. The competitors to be selected from those men whose inaugural dissertation is deemed worthy of receiving one hundred marks, the highest number of marks given for any thesis being two hundred.

The medal is in value about fifty dollars, the dies having been prepared and medal struck in England by Mr. F. Carter, Birmingham. It is to perpetuate the memory of one of the original founders of the school, the late Dr. Holmes, a man who in his walk through life commanded the love and esteem of all who knew him, from his many excellent qualities as a scholar and Christian gentleman. On one side of the medal is seen in bold relief the head of Hippocrates, with the name in Greek characters; and on the obverse is the coat-of-arms of the College, beneath which is the following, *Facultas Medicinæ Donavit.*" This is surrounded with a wreath of laurel, outside of which are the words, "*In memoriam Andræ F. Holmes, M.D., LL.D.*" On the rim of the medal is engraved the name of the successful candidate, with the date.