

from the very love of well-doing, to persevere with all your energy to the end. For what does not the science of medicine in some way bear upon? It analyses the wonderful processes observed in all organized beings—generation, development, growth, nutrition, decay, disease and death. It solves important questions for the legislator, and discloses mysteries to the jurist. To ourselves, it elevates and brings forth the better feelings of our nature, enlarges our sympathy, strengthens our hope, induces self-denial, and leads on to the practice of the greatest of Christian virtues—true charity. Follow on, then, gentlemen, in the honourable career opening before you; may you be worthy sons of this University, full of usefulness and proficiency. You all have the path open to you of shedding lustre on Alma Mater, and in your career may you be full of joy and peace and happiness and good report. GENTLEMEN, FAREWELL.

FIVE FATAL CASES OF CIRRHOSIS OF THE LIVER, WITH AUTOPSIES AND REMARKS.

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The following cases of cirrhosis of the liver occurred in rapid succession in the practice of the Montreal General Hospital. They all differ much in their clinical features, exemplifying several of the characteristic phases apt to be assumed by this disease. To some of these attention will be drawn at the conclusion of the Reports.

CASE No. 1.

Intemperance—Dyspepsia—Dropsy—Paracentesis—Death from Peritonitis.—T. C., æt. 50, was admitted 10th Sept., 1878. Family history good, never had syphilis. For twenty years past has been a very heavy drinker of spirits. For eight years has suffered very frequently from sharp and stabbing pains in the hepatic region and behind the right shoulder. Would sometimes be free from these for a week at a time. During last winter these pains were much worse. In May last