

opposed to their being allowed to attend the Hospital. One would fancy that this question was a new one, and that the Montreal General Hospital had no precedents to guide it, yet the fact is that in several large hospitals on this side of the Atlantic, ladies are admitted as students—such hospitals are numerous on the continent, and strange to say even our Montreal General Hospital had, during the winter of 1890, one lady student in attendance. Yet in spite of the fact that two of the medical staff who spoke at this meeting admitted that so far, no difficulty had arisen, these gentlemen, for fear of prospective difficulties strongly advised their exclusion. They of course formed part of the glorious seventeen members of the medical staff who came to a similar conclusion. Mr. Wolferstan Thomas magnanimously relegated them to the Western Hospital for their education, forgetting the fact that that hospital has only about thirty-six beds, while the law of this Province demands that students of medicine must attend an hospital having at least one hundred beds. His advice was therefore practically useless. That gentlemen stated that in his opinion ladies should confine their medical knowledge to diseases of their own sex, and those of children, but never suggested that to gain their knowledge in these branches they ought to be admitted to the female and children's wards of the institution. Mr. Thomas' opinion is one held by many friends of female medical education, who, however, admit that even to practice in this particular field a general knowledge of the whole range of medical science is desirable. Mr. D. A. P. Watt, one of the governors, championed the cause of the ladies in a most forcible speech, showing the fallacy and unsoundness of the views of their opponents, but the voice of the large majority of the medical board had spoken against their admission, so their doom was sealed.

Another question which was brought up at the same meeting was a notice of motion to have the resident medical staff appointed

by the Committee of Management. Its brief discussion brought out some strong opposition and the motion was not pressed but was allowed to stand over till next meeting. We would advise its mover to withdraw it, though upon its surface it would seem to have some points in its favor. If this is not done, and the motion is brought forward for decision, we hope that the governors will defeat it by a large majority. The Montreal General Hospital is a democratic institution and depends for its success on the good opinion of more than three hundred governors. To give the appointment of the resident staff into the hands of the Committee of Management would, we assert, prevent any young man being elected who is not a McGill graduate. The time is past for any hole and corner business of this kind—it is against the spirit of the age that a monopoly in anything, however good, should exist. Bishop College is to-day a well recognised medical school in this city—it is in its twenty-first session—has in its lecture room about seventy students. During its existence it has supplied the Faculty of Medicine of McGill with six teachers, showing the character of the men who then and therefore presumably now, filled its chairs. It has on the list of governors of the hospital five of its teachers, and many friends, who are equally friendly to McGill, but anxious to give the junior school, to say the least, some show. It has the Dean of its faculty on the assistant hospital staff, whose work as a teacher in the outdoor clinic is admitted to be unsurpassed by any other teacher in the hospital. Has a medical school with such a record as this, no claim to have some of the hospital honors fall to its lot. If McGill can prevent it she will. Her history from her foundation has been one of monopoly. As she opposed the Montreal School of Medicine about 1849, she effectually killed, in 1851, the St. Lawrence School of Medicine. She has tried by every means in her power to crush Bishops Medical College but unsuccessfully. Governors do not give up the right which you now