

first taught by him in Montreal, indeed in Lower Canada. Before its charge was undertaken by him there had been no regular course. The year prior to his appointment, a few occasional lectures were gratuitously delivered at the Montreal General Hospital, during the winter by two or three of the attending physicians. But with this exception, it is believed, that at a remoter period, the only means the pupil had of acquiring a knowledge of the cases in the wards, were by personal intuition, mutual instruction and the casual remarks of the more communicative of the physicians. As a teacher his lectures were remarkable for their originality. In this country we never attended any other who drew more largely from his own mind—who turned to a more profitable account the rich stores of information, that he had derived from personal observation—and whose experience had been so extensive, or so varied, for it had been derived under the most favourable advantages, both in military and civil life, and in countries of every clime. No man had more pity, than he, for the servile plagiarist, who could copy page after page from a book, and then read the words with voice of dolorous pitch to his assembled auditory. Of such an outrage he was never guilty. From necessity matter had often to be borrowed from authorities, but it was always conveyed in his own expressions and usually impressed by original illustrations. And these accomplishments were executed with facility, for he possessed a fertile imagination, quick comprehension, accurate reflection, tenacious memory, and a good command of language.

Few men turned the opportunities they were afforded to a better account than the lamented deceased. To the truth of this, his services in the cause of Medical literature and the character of his lectures, bear testimony. To which may be added the fact, that few Physicians in this city have had more indentured pupils under their tutelage. At one and the same time, four were studying together in his surgery under his masterly directions, and by his fostering care and able guidance, were launched out upon the sea of private practice, manned and rigged to meet any stress of stormy weather. As to Cornelia, so to him—these were his