

THE
MONTREAL MEDICAL JOURNAL.

VOL. XXI.

SEPTEMBER, 1892.

No. 3.

Original Communications.

ADDRESS IN SURGERY.

BY WILLIAM H. HINGSTON, M.D., LL.D., D.C.L.,

Surgeon-in-Chief to the Hotel Dieu, Montreal; Professor of Clinical Surgery in Laval University.

At the Annual Meeting of the British Medical Association, held at Nottingham, July, 1892.

ON SYNTHESIS IN SURGERY.

The feelings with which I rise to address so large and so distinguished an audience are a strange alloy of regret that I must needs fall short of my own desires; of confusion at finding that those to whom the same post of honourable duty has been entrusted in past years have left no branch of surgery untouched; and, more than all, of dread lest my beloved Canada should suffer in your estimation at the hands of one who wants not the will but the power to do her justice on this momentous occasion.

Permit me, in my country's name, to thank you in all sincerity for the compliment paid to her in inviting one of her children to your shores, and in assigning to him a position of such honour in your deliberations—a position hitherto reserved for the most eminent of your own land—a land teeming with all that is great and noble in our art. Let me assure you that Canada is not unmindful of this fresh token of your regard. She is, as you well know, most firmly attached to the parent State; she glories in your past, she is deeply interested in your future; your glory is her glory; your future is her future; and she is grateful for any thought of her in your councils,