

Medical Items

It is with pleasure we give space to the following letter received from Dr. Roddick, to whom, at least, is due the credit of having first introduced the antiseptic method of Lister into this city.

Montreal, March 9th, 1879.

DEAR MR. EDITOR.

In a paper on "Listerism," which I read at the last meeting of the Canadian Medical Association, and which was published in part in the February number of your Journal, I make the statement, open to correction however, that the practice of Lister was first introduced into Canada through the Surgeons of the Montreal General Hospital. Immediately after the publication of the paper, I received the following letter from my esteemed friend Dr. Mack, of St. Catherines, which, in justice to him, I beg you will have the kindness to publish:—

GENERAL AND MARINE HOSPITAL,
St. Catherines, Ont., March 5th, 1879. }

MY DEAR DOCTOR.

The antiseptic treatment was first established in this hospital immediately after the details of the process had been promulgated by Dr. Lister, and fully one year before it was tried in Montreal. I can furnish you any evidence you may demand of the fact.

As to the results, they have been very satisfactory.

Yours faithfully,

THOS. MACK.

I can only say I am delighted the "System" has found such an able advocate, and I trust the day is not far distant when the profession will be favoured with the results of Dr. Mack's experience.

Yours truly,

T. G. RODDICK.