

matter of no little curiosity to see upon what reasons their conduct was subsequently based, a fact in which not themselves alone were immediately concerned, as far as we may glean from the subsequent proceedings, but one in which other eminent individuals of this city were at the time intimately interested, doubtless from the influence which it might exert upon their own children at the time. At a meeting of the same Board, held on October 27th, 1822, the same officers present, the subjoined resolutions were adopted:—

“The medical officers appointed by the President and Directors of the Montreal General Hospital having seen the great difficulties which the student in medicine in this country has to encounter before he acquires a complete knowledge of his profession; knowing the great inconvenience resulting to many from the necessity at present existing of spending several years in a foreign country to complete a regular medical education, and being convinced of the advantages which would result from the establishment of a Medical School in this country, have met to consider of the possibility of founding such an institution in this city. After due deliberation, they conceive that the following considerations warranted an endeavour to promote so desirable an object:

“1st. There can be but one opinion concerning the utility and necessity of a School of Medicine in this Province, seeing that the condition of Medicine in many parts sufficiently attests the want of opportunities of medical instruction. Such an Institution will tend very much to remove this growing evil, by the facility it will afford of acquiring medical knowledge.

“2nd. There can be little doubt that students from different parts of this Province, as well as from Upper Canada, and probably from the adjoining States, would eagerly profit by the opportunities thus afforded of acquiring a sound medical education. Those who might not intend to pursue their studies at a foreign University would be enabled to obtain an adequate knowledge of all the useful branches of medicine, while those who, after attending this Institution, might wish to enjoy the advantages of study in other countries, would be better able to benefit by them.

“3rd. They consider that the Montreal General Hospital is an Institution which much favours the establishment of a School of Medicine in this city. It affords the student a facility of acquiring a practical knowledge of physic never before enjoyed in this Province, an advantage which will be greatly enhanced by the establishment of lectures on the different branches of the profession.

“4th. If such a plan should be carried into effect, a pecuniary benefit