

present upon an occasion which will ever be memorable in the medical history of our city. This gratification is, I am sure, felt by every one who now surrounds this festive board. An event like the present does not often occur, for the opportunity is somewhat rare. So far as my memory serves me, only twice in this city within a period of fifty years have similar banquets been held, the recipients being the late Dr. George W. Campbell and the late Dr. D'Orsonnens. Our profession does not seem to tend toward longevity, and green old age is somewhat rare. But to-night, gentlemen, we have met to do honour to three of our *confrères*, Dr. Rottot, Dr. McCallum and Sir William Hingston, who, in the Providence of God, have been permitted to see this green old age—have been permitted to see the turning point of fifty years of active medical work. What is even still more to be thankful for is the fact that their hands are still on the plough, the furrows are still well made. The hands that direct seem to-day as steady as when, in the first gush of youthful enthusiasm, they won their first innings in the race for professional position. Long, I say, may this green old age continue.

“Gentlemen, our guests have contributed much to the medical history of Montreal. Each has done his part to make this city the centre for medical education in the Dominion. Dr. Rottot graduated in 1847 from the Montreal School of Medicine, which after a time became the medical department of Victoria College, and now is a branch of Laval University. He, early in his career, became a teacher in this Faculty, and for years has been its Dean. Dr. McCallum graduated from McGill in 1850, and in a few years, after serving an apprenticeship in several minor chairs, took charge of the important chair of obstetrics, which he held for many years. Sir William Hingston took his degree from McGill in 1851. His career as a medical man—of late years in the surgical line and as professor of clinical surgery in Laval—is well known. Unlike his brother guests, who have held strictly to professional work, Sir William Hingston entered the arena of public life. Many of us can remember when he occupied