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In publishing the "Announcement" of another session of the Halifax Medical College, the Faculty desires to draw attention to a few points in connection with the history of the Institution.

Inaugurated seventeen years ago as the medical department of Dalhousie College, it for the past eight years has had an independent existence under its present name. During the whole of this time the College has steadily advanced, and the progress which has been made is taken as ample evidence of the wisdom of its establishment.

From its original inception as a merely preparatory school, the College has gradually advanced to the standing of a first class Medical Institution, where a thorough and complete medical education is afforded to a large class of young men, drawn from various parts of the Maritime Provinces, who would have otherwise gone away to pursue their studies chiefly in the United States, at a loss to the country and at greater expense to themselves.

By the requirement of a strict preliminary or matriculation examination, by increasing the duration of the period of study, and by the high standard of the professional examination demanded, it is claimed that the qualifications of young men entering the profession, even in cases where their entire course is not taken in this College, have been rendered very much superior to the average in former years.

The Faculty feels that its efforts have been productive of good results, and that the correctness of the views entertained by it in the early years of its existence must now be evident, and would therefore urge upon the consideration of the profession, the public, and more particularly of those intending to pursue the study of medicine, the claims of the Halifax Medical College.

In connection with the advantages of the Institution, attention is drawn to the importance of Halifax as a medical centre; it enjoying facilities for the study of those rare forms of disease which find their way to important sea-ports. In this respect it surpasses every other