

fifty years ago, and these are the traits which characterized his life and made him what he was—a good Christian, a good citizen, and a great physician. In 1848 he graduated at McGill University, and then devoted about a year to hospital work abroad. Soon after his return he was appointed demonstrator of anatomy in his own college. His teaching powers were soon recognized, and in 1856 he was appointed to the chair of Clinical Medicine, together with a position on the staff of the Montreal General Hospital. Later, on the death of Dr. Holmes, he was elected to the chair of Practice of Medicine. With this he became identified. For nearly thirty years not only did he lecture on, but *taught* the practice of medicine. As he eloquently discoursed on some given disease, he artistically painted perfect pictures and brought his subject so vividly before the student's imagination, that after contact with pathological conditions in the hospital wards he soon made himself, if he chose, master of the situation. In 1882 he became Dean of the Medical Faculty on the death of Dr. Geo. W. Campbell. In this position, as in all others, his far sight and good judgment, and his knowledge of the rapid strides being made in every department of science, enabled him to recognize the necessities of the times, and, with a steady and unswerving hand, to develop the college into a great scientific workshop, to be filled with busy teachers and demonstrators rather than didactic lecturers. When, in 1884, the present able incumbent of the chair wholly relinquished the practice of his profession for the teaching and culture of the department of animal physiology, the Dean gave him and his subject the moral support he so fully appreciated. In alluding to the circumstance in a brief obituary, Dr. Mills tells us he supported him with a gigantic moral strength, which he felt like the "shadow of a great rock in a weary land." The University showed their high estimate of the Dean's valuable work and conferred on him the honorary degree of LL.D., but the greatest of all a teacher's rewards is his, for he dwells for ever in the memories of the hundreds of grateful students who received their early and most valued instruction from his lips. The Canadian Medical Association has certainly lost in Dr. Howard one of its bright and