

of the School," we naturally looked into their authority for such a procedure; and in thus noticing the matter, we consider ourselves but discharging a simple act of duty to the School of Medicine itself, the students who may be in attendance on their lectures, to the Profession of the Province, and the no less interested public in general. To the two first, that they may the better understand their relative positions and the full extent of power possessed by the school; and to the latter that their interests may not suffer at the hands of parties whose zeal, prompted by ambitious views, far outstrips their discretion or their judgment, in foisting upon it documents pretending to every mark of genuineness, but which are in reality not worth in value the parchment upon which the manuscript is written.

We do not anticipate that our present observations on the School of Medicine will pass unnoticed by that body. We hope they will not, and we will with pleasure open our columns to any reply they may see fit to make. Our duty to the Profession and the public at large is in the mean while discharged, by noticing the offence committed against their interests. We forbear, for the present, any further remarks, concluding by laying before our readers the following copy of the Diploma, which is written on parchment, the seal of the corporation, inclosed in a tin box, being appended to it by a blue ribbon. It will be found to be, in reality, a Certificate of qualification or a Diploma; a document which the "School" possesses not the shadow of the shade of an authority for granting to persons, either qualified or unqualified, or with or without the formality of a public or even private examination.

## SCHOLÆ MEDICINÆ ET CHIRURGICÆ MARIANOPOLI

A.D. 1843 Instituta, Senatu Canadensi Confirmata A.D. 1845

### (L.S.) TESTIMONIUM.

Nos Praeses et Praeceptores, Scholae Medicinæ et Chirurgiæ, dilecto nobis in Christo, M. B. intra Scholam praedictam ducto, salutem, in Domino sempiternam.

Cum omnia nostra studia, consilia, et actiones ad Dei gloriam et fratrum salutem referri debeant; Cumque Medicina ad haec, inter reliquas Facultates, plurimum conferat, hinc est quod Nos Praeses et Praeceptores auctores\* te, praestitis prius omnibus exercitiis, publicae ex-

aminationi, in Medicina et Chirurgia subisse, et nobis satisfecisse, te in omnibus rebus, quae ad Medicinam et Chirurgiam necnon Fortem Obstetricam exercendam pertinent, parum esse visum. In cuius rei fidem his literis communi Scholae auctores sigillo munitis, nos Chyrogapha nostra apposuvimus.

Marianopoli,

Aprilis 18mo, 1846.

(Signed)

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### AN ACT TO INCORPORATE THE MONTREAL SCHOOL OF MEDICINE AND SURGERY.

Whereas Francis C. T. Arnoldi, Francis Badgley, Pierre Munro, William Sutherland, and Horace Nelson, all of the City of Montreal, Licensed Practitioners of Medicine and Surgery, and divers others, under their tuition, have, by their Petition to the Legislature, represented, that the persons above named have, for the last two years, been engaged in giving Public Lectures and instructions in the various branches of science connected with the exercise of their profession, and have for that purpose established a Public Medical School, with suitable apparatus and conveniences, and have commenced the formation of a Library and Anatomical Museum, which they are willing to appropriate for the purposes hereinafter mentioned; and that the said Petitioners believe that if the said persons, and their successors, were incorporated and invested with the powers hereinafter mentioned, they would be able still further to increase their means of affording adequate instruction to their pupils, and would be enabled to place within their reach such means of acquiring medical knowledge as would render it unnecessary for them to spend any portion of their period of study out of this Province, and frequently out of Her Majesty's Dominions, as many are under the necessity of doing at an expense which they can ill afford, and to their disadvantage in other respects; and whereas it is expedient to grant the prayer of the said Petition: Be it therefore enacted by the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and of the Legislative Assembly of the Province of Canada, constituted and assembled by virtue of and under the authority of an Act passed in the Parliament of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, and intitled, *An Act to Re-unite the Provinces of Upper and Lower Canada, and for the Government of Canada*, and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same, That the said Francis C. T. Arnoldi, Francis Badgley, Pierre Munro, William Sutherland, and Horace Nelson, and their successors, and those who may be associated with them or their successors in the manner hereinafter mentioned, shall be and are hereby constituted a body politic and corporate by the name of "The Montreal School

\* There is a verb wanting in this sentence, which we supply by the word "declaramus." It is copied, however, verbatim.