

To the Honorable the Provincial Secretary.

HONORABLE SIR,—I deem it a paramount duty as President of the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Lower Canada, respectfully to call the attention of the executive government to a system that obtains in the Marine and Emigrant Hospital of this city, which is dangerous to the health and safety of the patients, and contrary to established practice.

It is to my knowledge, that Dr. Landry, one of the physicians of that institution, is in the habit of delivering lectures at the bedside of the patients under his charge, and within the hearing of the persons to whose cases the lectures refer.

I feel confident that it will only be necessary to call the attention of the medical Trustees of the Hospital to the fact, in order to put an end to so novel, but barbarous a practice.

I have the honor to be, Honorable Sir, your obedient humble servant.

W. MARSDEN, M. D.,

President of the Col. of Physicians and Surgeons, Lower Canada.

Quebec, 24th July, 1862.

Secretary's Office, Quebec, 4th August, 1862.

SIR,—In reply to your communication, without date, complaining that lectures are delivered at the bedside of the patients in the Marine and Emigrant hospital, I have the honor, by command of his Excellency the Governor-General, to enclose to you, herewith, copy of the report of the Trustees of the Hospital on the subject.

I have the honor to be, Sir, your most obedient servant,

(Signed,) E. PARENT.

W. Marsden, Esq. M. D.,

President of the College of Physicians and Surgeons, L. C., Quebec.

Marine and Emigrant Hospital, Quebec, 4th August 1862.

SIR,—I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt from the Secretary's office of a letter from Dr. Marsden without date, calling the attention of the executive to the subject of the clinical lectures delivered in this hospital; and am instructed by the Trustees to state in reply that the matter had already occupied the attention of the Board at its session on the 18th June last, as will be seen by the resolution passed on that day, and a copy of which I have the honor to enclose.

The advantage or disadvantage of delivering lectures at the bedside is still an open question at the different schools, those on the continent almost universally adopting the course complained of by Dr. Marsden.

I have the honor to be, Sir, your obedient servant,

(Signed,) P. WELLS,
Sec. and Treas.

The Honorable A. A. Dorion.

Provincial Secretary Quebec.