

instructive field for study. The latter averages about 140 accouchements per annum. The method of education in these infirmaries is one which cannot but be followed with the very best results to the pupils in attendance. Were there no other advantages possessed by the faculty than those entailed by these powerful auxiliaries, they are amply sufficient to challenge a comparison with the educational resources of the very few schools of medicine in America that can claim any entitlement to a character of respectability, much less to one of utility.

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For some time back we have met in our American exchanges with notices of the advent, in certain cities of the Union, of this man, whose name is now inseparably connected with the history of inquiries into the physiology of digestion. In every instance it has been stated that Alexis was accompanied by Dr. Bunting of Montreal. As no gentleman of that name had, within our memory, practised medicine in this city, we could not but think that there was some error made, either in the name of the person, or otherwise. During the last month we have had an opportunity of satisfying our minds on one or two points connected with this matter. Dr. Bunting, in his peripatetic wanderings, visited Montreal, and exhibited Alexis. That Alexis is genuine—that he is the veritable subject of Dr. Beaumont's experiments, we have not the slightest doubt; and, were he rather more under the control of his exhibitor, or possessed of a more amiable disposition, the curious in these matters might have some pleasure in examining him. As it is, the mere circumstance of seeing him, as we did, stretched on a table; obtaining a passing glimpse of the fistulous opening with its valvular fold, as he saw fit to remove the handkerchief which he pressed over it the greater part of the time, is anything but profitable or satisfactory. True, Dr. Bunting introduced a glass tube through the opening, Alexis in the meantime making some disagreeable grimaces, and having turned him on his left side, a small quantity of a greyish white gelatinous looking fluid, with one or two small curdy lumps, passed through the tube into a receiver. This fluid exhibited an acid reaction, was devoid of smell, but as to its taste we cannot speak, not feeling at the time any particular desire to test it. Dr. Bunting, as we suspected, does not belong to the profession of Montreal. From information derived from a friend of ours, who is acquainted with Dr. B.'s antecedents, we are safe in saying that scientific pursuits have not engaged much of his attention. Of this, fifteen minute's conversation would satisfy any well-informed physician. We are glad, therefore, that it is Dr. Bunting's intention to take