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## THE MONTREAL GENERAL HOSPITAL.

Last year the Governing Board of the Montreal General Hospital in appointing three Physicians to fill respectively the offices of House Surgeon, Assistant House Surgeon, and Apothecary, determined that those positions should be held for one year only, but that promotion should be the rule, that is to say: a man entering as Apothecary should at the end of the first year receive the appointment of Assistant, and at the end of the second year that of House Surgeon. This appears to be a very excellent arrangement as hitherto the office of House Surgeon has been retained at the convenience of the occupant, which was to a certain extent unfair, if the Montreal General Hospital was to be viewed in the light of an educational institution.

The present arrangement is highly advantageous, as each year there will go forth, to enter on the earnest and responsible duties of a physician and surgeon, one man at least who has had practical experience in the compounding and dispensing of drugs, and also in the actual charge of the sick during the absence of the attending medical officer. We sincerely trust that this arrangement will be carried out in good faith by the Committee, as any further change would be unfair to the gentleman who this year was obliged, in consequence of the above named arrangement, to resign his official position. That he performed the duties well and satisfactorily is proved when we state that on the eve of his retirement, his fellow officers, the Steward, Matron, Nurses and Orderlies of the house assembled and presented him with an address accompanied by a massive gold chain, to which was attached a gold coin, with the following inscription engraved thereon: "Presented as a token of esteem