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On the Past, Present, and Future of the Faculty of Medicine of McGill University. An Introductory Lecture delivered at the opening of the Session 1866-67, by ARCHIBALD HALL, M.D., Edin., L.R.C.S.E., Professor of Midwifery and the Diseases of Women and Children, McGill University; Honorary Fellow of the Obstetric Society of London; Associate of the College of Physicians of Philadelphia, &c., &c., &c.

GENTLEMEN,—The delivery of the introductory lecture to a course, marks, in a most incontestable manner, the lapse of time, and reminds me that this is the *thirty-first year* since this annual duty has devolved upon me. During this long period of time, in which Dr. Campbell, our present esteemed Dean of Faculty, and myself, have been associated—what changes have taken place in it! Not *one* of the early founders of this School now remains. They have all gone to the “mountains of myrrh, and the hills of frankincense, until the day breaks, and the shadows flee away;” but “though dead, they yet speak,” and in unmistakable language they tell us to be diligent while “*our day*” lasts. Such thoughts impel me to deviate from my customary plan of lecture, and to devote this one to a sketch of the Past, the Present, and the Future of our Faculty; and I trust that the narrative may prove of some interest.

It feels strange to review scenes long passed away, bespeaking, as it does, the mutability of all sublunary affairs. But if there is one point more than another which is most forcibly proclaimed, it is the unwavering fidelity of the early founders of this School of Medicine to their self-imposed task—one undertaken with the merest shadow of remuneration, and which has now culminated in the fact that their work has prospered in a remarkable degree; and that this School is undoubtedly the first one in