

years of the testator's decease, it is more than probable that the project would have been indefinitely delayed.

"In the year 1829, that portion of the lawsuit which referred to the bequest of the landed estate of Burnside was decided in favor of the University, but the question of the £10,000 continued unsettled for many years longer, and no funds were at the disposal of the college. Yet it was felt that to fulfill the conditions of the will actual teaching must now be done in the University, and the purely nominal appointments of 1823 be refilled or supplemented.

"At this time the eyes of the Royal Institution and of the friends of education were turned upon the Montreal Medical Institution, now an active teaching body of established reputation, and it was decided to bridge the difficulty by making this body the medical faculty of the University, its officers becoming professors or lecturers in their respective branches.

"On June 29, 1829, the first meeting of the Governors of "Burnside University of McGill College" was called at Burnside House, which had just come into the hands of the Royal Institution under the will. This meeting had as its object the promulgation of the Charter and the Inauguration of the University. It was largely attended by representative citizens of all classes, and at this meeting the members of the Montreal Medical Institution who had been invited to be present were formally engrafted upon the University of McGill College as its medical faculty.

"The Montreal Medical Institution, as it still continued to be called for some years, was now a faculty of an established university capable of granting degrees. For some years the only active work done in the university was that in this faculty, and by its