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Dancey's was intended  
Car. Med. from  
and no wonder  
N.C.

who the  
and that will make our number up to about a dozen from all

seven  
the Canadian Schools & of these McGill sends half. Farley

latest  
was the last arrival among our men; Zimmerman of Toronto

was the last departure. The last named has  
left last week after holding for six months one of the

House Physicianships at St Thomas making a fortunate con-

clusion to an unusually brilliant student career.

House commonly  
Appointments in the General Hospitals here are as a rule

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beyond the reach of Canadians; it is only by a happy com-

bination of circumstances or unusual merit, that they are

obtained, nor is it to be expected that the Hospital au-

thorities should pass over their own men & appoint ~~one~~ those who

- though qualified - For  
may have been only six months about the place. /The

of course  
minor posts of Medical Aeeueheue & dressers & clin clerks

we our  
you take your chance with the other students St Thomas

the Canadian Hospital altogether  
is rarely chosen by Canadians, for to say nothing of the re-



for a perpetual  
 duced fees - <sup>10</sup> admitted ticket for Class & Hospital practice -

in proportion to its size but a small no. of stud[ents]  
 it has at present this advantage viz that it is one of the

large Metropolitan Hospitals but has compared with some

others a small number in attendance, & thus <sup>which of course</sup> the dresser-

ships ar[e?] more easily obtainable; moreover recent acces-  
<sup>valuable</sup>

sions to the Staff as well as the fact of it being the finest  
<sup>the magnificent new building</sup>

Hospital cannot but draw students in greater numbers to it

In D<sup>r</sup> Murchison it possesses one of the best if not the best

clinical teacher in London. Sir W. Jenner & D<sup>r</sup> Wilson Fox

are <sup>are</sup> to my mind equally good, but they labour under the dis- (p. 3 h.s.)

advantage of a small Hospital & a limited material, while D<sup>r</sup>

Murchison with 28 beds has an abundant supply. <sup>With</sup> Among

students he has the reputation of being occasionally hard &

cutting and certainly his manner is somewhat distant & cold,

rather  
 but this I think is beneficial than otherwise, for a A stu-

diagnosing as if  
 dent examining a case is treated exactly in the manner he



though perhaps unpleas  
must be  
were up for his Diploma, which cannot but be most ex-

(4 comes in here) Aug & Septem are  
cellent practice X A student is not This-is-holiday-  
dull months  
time/ at the Hospitals; most of the senior Phys. & Surgeons

& is in the hands of  
are out of town, leaving their work to the juniors. I saw

an ingenious method practiced a few days ago by Mr MacCormac

by which perfectly bloodless operations on the limbs may be

performed. It is wonderfully simple both in principle &

practice. The only principle involved is to drive all the

blood out of the limb & when enee out keep it out. The

in cases of the  
cases in which I saw it applied were — ? ene of the

from the toes as far as the middle of the thigh  
the other of the tibia The whole limb/was first

indiarubber  
encased tightly with a strong elastic bandage about 2 1/2 (4.4 ins)

inches in width the effect of which was to drive every drop

indiarub 1/2 inch  
of blood out of the limb; next a solid cord of about the

in round the thigh  
thickness of a was tightly applied/at the upper end of the

to prevent the  
broad bandage which was then removed leaving the limb entirely



bloodless In neither operation was there a single drop

(2) (1)  
of blood lost, a consideration valuable not less to the

surgeon than to the Patient, for he has the advantage of

interrupted  
seeing what he is about and is not troubled by constant

sponging When after the operation was completed the cord

was removed from the thigh, it was very interesting to

watch the blood travel down the limb & then the wound

commenced to bleed

with  
The notion I believe originated in a German Surgeon  
it has reached you  
& if you have not already heard of it I would strongly re-

commend a trial

On Saturday last at "Kings" I saw among some others a  
rather curious case of Talipes, in a young woman occurring  
after fever & of about four years duration. It was of the  
equino-varus form & really looked on the table a very severe  
case, the foot being very much involved & the heel tightly



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drawn up. Mr Smith - under whose care she was - had noticed that when her attention was diverted the varus would diminish considerably and attributed a good deal of it to Hysteria, <sup>however</sup> but as soon/as she was put fully under the influence of chloroform the varus entirely disappeared leaving a pure case of Talipes Equinus, which was completely removed on division of the T.

<sup>resting?</sup>  
achilles: these simple methods changing in a few minutes a badly distorted foot to its proper symmetry.

The difficulties of the case as Mr Smith said would be in the after-treatment

~~The English Student has many advantages over his colonial brother and <sup>if</sup> yet from the rejections before the Examining boards mean anything, they state plainly either that he does not appreciate them or he is lacking in~~



those qualities which ensure success, i e perseverance  
& application Fifty six out of 113 candidates were re-  
jected at the Last primary Exam before the Coll of  
Physicians!



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Mrs Harrison

Miss Rolph

Mrs Pellatt

Mrs Shepard

Mrs Proctor

Aunt Lizzie

Aunt Mary

Rev F Ellwood.

Canadians rarely choose St Thomas' for to say nothing of

the reduction in fees which they there obtain - 10 £. -

- prices of ~~---~~ comp with other large Metr[opolitan] Hos[pitals]  
it has at present this advantage viz in proportion to its

size a very small no. of students which of course <sup>diminishes</sup> renders

the competition for all  
clinical posts more



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and always is. in the Operating Theatres  
This has been/a dull month at the Hospitals Every-

thing is being saved for the opening week in order that

the by the number & brilliancy of the operations the

Freshmen may be fully impressed with the dignity & im-

portance of their respective Hospitals

them all

binds Canada to the mother country, I would say take

If it is any link - however small it may be - which



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which tells a lack of neglected opportunities or deficient brains.

In conclusion, to all students who can manage to gather \$500  
to 600 I would say come over & invest it in six or eight months

It is  
London Hospital practice /an investment which if properly carried

will <sup>may</sup> does while mounting <sup>perhaps</sup>  
out ~~eight~~ in time to ~~yield~~ return you cent for cent if not in hard

cash at least in enlarged sympathies, widened views & pleasant re-  
collections

The best time to come over is about the middle of August so as  
to have 3-4 weeks to look around before the winter session begins.

At the outset economy may be studied to advantage in saving <sup>the</sup> ~~year~~  
passage money by taking over a ship. Write to Moor & Co. Wholesale  
enclose  
druggist, St Mary Axe Leadenhall st. London, ~~about~~ a \$10 bill - their

fee - about four months before you want to go over & you will in all  
probability secure a vessel <sup>one of T---? coming direct to London</sup> & save your passage money. Even if you

do not the \$10 I will guarantee the safety of the \$10 in Mr Moores  
hand

I hope through the winter to let you have some notes in  
practice

W.O.



p ?

Medical  
 English Students have many advantages over their colonial brethren  
 advantages too which are increasing year by year  
 as which  
 and the keen competition now existing between all the London schools  
 their them  
 makes all Teachers keenly alive to their interests. They must needs

up for exam perfect strangers and no  
 do so in fact for their pupils go before Men they have perhaps never  
 with which he is of the (is allowed to examine any pupil)  
 examiner/connected with a school also published  
 seen before and yearly reports are now given by all the Licensing

bodies of the number of failures from each school A student here in  
 Clin  
 his first winter instead of having as with us An. Phy. Mat Med Chem

? Botan & D — ? to attend to has only ~~anat~~ the three former subjects.

& obst. being reserved Moreover  
 Mater Med. & Botany are left for the three months summer session. Then

he is not allowed - I speak on this point of the Univ Coll School - to

rush headlong at dissections before he knows the difference betw a

muscle & an artery but must wait three months i.e. till in the lectures

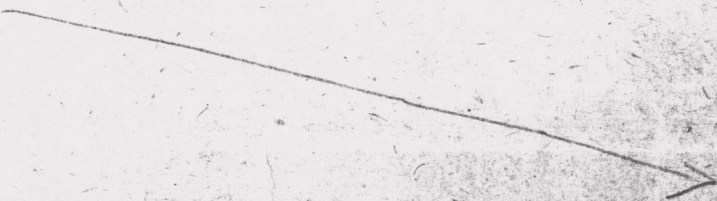
? at least the Bones & Muscles are gone over; then he may begin dissecting.

beneficial  
 I consider this a most advantageous arrangement it saves the freshman at

as a rule a mess  
 any rate two parts for he rarely makes anything of his early dissections

by ing  
 & learns nothing, while if he waits till the he has seen the good dis-

sections at the Lecture





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The preparations used were the Sulphate of Atropia, a somewhat  
impure Sulphate of Physostigmia kindly furnished by Prof..Fraser of  
Edinburgh



he can then work his parts to advantage Univ Coll dissecting room  
 not so much in its fittings &c as in its working arrangements  
 is a model & is as all should be under the direct supervision of the  
 Profess of Anatomy. Mr Ellis does more than supervise for he spends  
 nearly the entire day in it going the rounds of the tables & giving  
 nearly <sup>each</sup> every student assistance & advice. The Demonstrators are  
 under him & of comparative secondary importance. Tobacco is rigidly  
 excluded on the principle that you can not do two things at a time &  
 do both well. No student can take a part and leave it half dissected  
 or dissect it in a slovenly manner such things are not to be thought of.

Then again with regard to Hospital practice men are not allowed  
 to commence dressing or ~~net~~ taking till they have been drilled tho-  
 roughly in the elements of Medical & Surgical diagnosis in classes con-  
 ducted by junior members of the staff Bandaging classes meet three  
 also  
 times a week during the summer session for the application of bandages  
 setting of fractures &c. &c. The Summer Session is a great boon as it  
 relieves lightens so much the winter's work. Materia Medica Botany Prac-  
 tical Chemistry & Obstetrics are compressed in it.

Materia Medica occupies here a somewhat



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in the Canadian Schools  
different position than with us at McGill. In some schools the Lec-  
turer does not touch Mat Med at all, confining himself to Therapeutics  
entirely  
& leaving the drugs to be described by the Dispenser at the Hospital,  
ten-weeks  
who has classes for the purpose. In others the whole subject is got  
through in the three months

Still notwithstanding (page 5-a) [marked "5d" in pencil.]

Matters you see are reversed, the degree which all of us must  
obtain is here the coveted honour while the Diplomas are thought no-  
thing of

are expensive luxuries  
Moreover they cost both time & money. It is supposed that a  
graduate coming over here can present himself at once for Exam; this  
in  
is a fallacy unless he is a very exceptional case. Our men spend two  
dissecting and going over work for which though benefic.  
or three months working for their Primary at the Coll of Surgeons/during  
? ought to be done at home practice  
which time very little Hospital/ that they came over specially for is  
the  
neglected

Whatever induced men a few years back to go the rounds of the li-  
censing bodies in London & Edinboro taking qualifications is difficult  
on the supposition  
to understand unless it was that they had more money than brains and  
themselves laboured under the



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a  
belief ~~that~~ a good many simple could viz that a mans knowledge in-

he can write  
creases directly in the number of letters/ after his name

will be able  
Very few students will however have ~~the hardihood~~ to withstand

the  
their friends entreaties of their friends who think an English quali-

all essential  
fication and if they will kindly furnish the funds let them be taken

by all means, they can do no harm, but let it be understood that/they<sup>as</sup>

are not degrees, what so many people call them neither are they

honours but those who do, if they spend their time here they ought,

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with if not wiser —? at least wrathless men

In addition they cost both time and money <sup>in a manner</sup> The time is not lost

for it is spent over.

A man comes over intending to go up for the M.R.C.S. he must  
dissect & spend about 2-3 months reading for his Primary & probably

? will join a grinding class; <sup>all this</sup> ~~meanwhile~~ to get up two subjects viz Anatom

& Phy which ought to have been thoroughly gone over at home so that all

the time might be devoted to Hospital work - the object of his visit.



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- Die Injektionsspritze
- Das Röhr reed, cane, pipe
- Bequem convenient, suitable
- Abschrauben to unscrew
- Deckel cover lid
- Stempel stamp, pounder (Piston?)
- Umwickeln to wrap around

Many students feel it a serious drag on their time and purse.

experience

prolonging more profitably I think in extending the stay & extending the hospital

limited means to touch them at all, for the money could be laid out

[It is? - page torn] a mistake for students with limited time and

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The number of first class clinical teachers, <sup>in London</sup> <sup>one</sup> men whom you would go  
 out of the way to hear is small considering the <sup>wide</sup> <sup>enormous field</sup> number of <sup>Hospitals</sup>  
 & great importance of the subject. The next generation will prob-  
 ably see an improvement in this respect for at many of the Hospitals  
 the appointments are made of young men for the <sup>junior</sup> assisting positions,  
 who show an aptitude for teaching. <sup>n excell here</sup> A good plan/ (which might readily  
 be followed out at the M.G.H.) is the way in which the junior students  
 the 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> year men get <sup>practically</sup> drilled in the elements of Medical & Surgi-  
 cal diagnoses before they are admitted to the Cl. clerkship & Surgical  
 dresserships. <sup>London</sup> The competition among the/Schools here makes them  
 keenly alive to the interest of the student and certainly the manner-in-  
 and it certainly is his own fault if he is not <sup>for his exams</sup> well up at the expira-

tion of four years. <sup>notwithstanding</sup> Still, in spite of all the anxiety displayed &  
 care bestowed over the candidate.

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 pencil as "5b continued"

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for Exam. at each school, in spite of the endless grinding classes

at the Colleges  
coachings &c, the number of rejections is occasionally almost lu-

dicrous It is especially at the Primary <sup>of</sup> ~~of~~ <sup>before</sup> of the Coll of Surgeons  
and at the

that men get "spun". Fifty six out of 113 candidates were

rejected!! last July at this Exam! which tells a tale either of

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undue strictness or woefully neglected opportunities. Students

here may be roughly grouped into two classes; University & College

men, i.e. men proceeding to degrees at London, Oxford or Cambridge

Univer

& men going up for the ~~Coll~~ Diploma of the College of Phy. or Sur-

geons class contains ~~the~~ picked men  
The former/comprises the cream of the students and men

most of them are graduates in Arts or Science; Cambridge wranglers,

sometimes  
Oxford Classmen and London Medallists are to be found in their rounds.

never less than four years often more  
These have a hard & tedious course even as pass men while those

hoping for indeed if they would  
honours must rise up early in the morning & very late take rest

be successful it is that  
They have their reward however for/from this class is drawn the

teachers



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~~Such wholesale plucking as that at any of the Canadian  
drive  
Schools would I am afraid be fatal all our students across the  
border. The examinations here have of late years been rendered~~

much more rigorous, a good deal owing I think to the high stand-

ard set at London University ~~and~~ the ordinary students here seem

often  
to think nothing of a pluck, taking it/as a matter of course,

that such an untoward event must happen at least once. The

? of three months nearly it is here  
Summer session/lightens by one half the winter work & ---- it

thought  
is judged in London that a three months course is sufficient for

Botany, Materia Medica! (!) & obstetrics - I wonder would such

an arrangement please the McGill students(!). I would advise

all students who purpose visiting England & presenting themselves

for Exam. to attend most diligently to all the practical branches.

Prim.

It will avail yea nothing at the Coll of Surg to have Surg at your

fingers ends unless you can place the heart in its proper position

? or describe the parts in a dissection & still less will it avail at

? your P\_\_\_ to know E \_\_\_ by heart



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They cost time & ~~they cost~~ money & students with limited  
return  
means will be none the worse practitioners if they let them  
alone & extend they stay with the money which would have ~~gone~~ been spent  
in the fee

to be regretted                    e are always  
It is a pity that a young man is generally expected to  
one of these all-essential English qualif.  
return home with a diploma, / many think if he has not one  
is the sole object of  
their  
his journey has been fruitless    Those, whose time & means are  
limited feel it often that they might employ both more profitably



& consulting Practitioners are drawn - a large majority -  
The second class from the

ordinary is made up of those whose sole desire is to obtain a

qualification and get out in practice, or who from force of circum.

are debarred from Univ degrees

A word or two here about English diplomas which Canadian students

hanker after so much & about which much apprehens. exists not only

among the general public but also where one would not expect it. It

ought to be fully understood that the MRCS. LRCP. & LCA are the common  
not

if he would roll pills & mix potions  
qualifications which every "Bob Sawyer" must possess in England, &

here any as  
they are considered in the sense of the word/honours. Honours are

Univ  
restricted to the/Degrees & the Fellowships of the Colleges and I have

good men we our  
several times heard astonishment expressed that Canadians with Degrees

be so anxious for  
should go up before the Colleges However it is not probable that

the habit practice of taking them will cease, soon, but when it does  
their expense

does in some instances I know weigh against  
our men will not be the worse & will be coming over here