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On the principle of better late than never
It is somewhat late in the day ~~for me~~
to take up my pen, as your ^{friend} ~~London~~ corres-
pondent, ~~but~~ it is really too bad that with
six or seven McGill men here, your journal
should be ^{lacking} without a monthly letter and I
hope someone this winter will follow the
example so well set by "A.A.B." last winter
and send me regularly. The annual complement
of ^{which fill the ranks left by} ~~the~~ Canadian students ^{for the year} is nearly
completed, one more only that I know of is ex-
pected ~~who~~ ~~that~~ will make ^{the} number up-
about a dozen from all the Canadian Schools & of
these McGill send ^{seven} half. Farley was the ^{last} ~~last~~
arrival among our men; Zimmerman of
Toronto ^{was the last departure} left last week, after holding for six
months one of the House Physicianships at St Thomas
making a fortunate conclusion to an unusually
brilliant student career. ^{There} Appointments in the

Mrs Warren
Miss Rolph
Mrs Pellatt
Mrs Shepard
Mrs Proctor
Aunt Lizzie
Aunt Mary
Rev F Ellwood.

Canadian will choose St Thomas for being
nothing of the reduction in fees which they then stand

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- It has a present this advantage
- price of many copies will other parts make them
by an proportion to a very small no. of students
which of course renders the essential parts more

General Hospitals here are ⁽²⁾ ^{commonly} beyond the
reach of Canadians; it is only by a happy combina-
tion of circumstances or unusual merit, that
they are obtained, nor is it to be expected that the
Hospital authorities should pass over their own
men & appoint ~~one~~ ^{those} who may have been only six
months about the place. ^{For} The minor parts of
~~accident accidents & diseases & clinical~~ ^{of course}
~~work~~ ^{we} take ⁱⁿ ~~our~~ ^{our} share with the other students.
St. Thomas is ^{the Canadian Hospital & although} ~~usually~~ chosen by Canadians, for
to say nothing of the reduced fees - £10 ^{for a per} ~~admitted~~
federal ticket for class & hospital practice - it has
at present ^{in proportion to its size but a small no. of stud} this advantage viz that it is one
of the large Metropolitan Hospitals but has
compared with some others a small number
in attendance, ^{which of course} ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~Dissection~~ ^{or}
more easily obtainable; ^{valuable} ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~recent~~ ^{the} ~~accession~~ ^{magnificent new building}
to the staff as well as the fact of it being the ^{first}
Hospital cannot but draw students in greater
numbers ~~but~~ In St. George's it possesses
one of the best ^{21.4.2.8} ~~just~~ the best clinical teachers
in London. Sir W. Jenner & Dr. Wilson Fox

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Cab	1	6
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R.R. to Aberdeen	16	6
Cab	1	6
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Dress shoes	16	0
Tip	2	6
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Edinburgh for Aberdeen	11	
Dinner at Aberdeen	2	6
Tea at Edinburgh	1	6
Ticket to London	45	0
Cab	1	6

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Table illustrating the action of Chloroform on the whole blood corpuscles
 of the highest degree of redness the vertical one the white one

are t any mind equally good, but they ^{are equally} labor
 under the disadvantage of a small hospital &
 a limited material, while Dr. Murchison with
 28 beds had an abundant supply. Accours
 students: he has the reputation of being occasionally
 hard & cutting and certainly his manner is some-
 what distant & cold, but this I think is ^{rather} bene-
 ficial than otherwise, for a student under his
 hands ^{diagnose} a case is treated exactly ^{as if}
~~manner~~ he were up for his Diploma, which
^{though perhaps unpleas-}
~~cannot~~ be most excellent practice (4 times in here).
 Any spleen, an dull ^{generally in the city} x A student - not.
~~This is holiday - time~~, at the hospitals; most of the
 senior ~~Phys.~~ Surgeons are out of town, leaving their
^{is in the hands of}
 work to the juniors. I saw an ingenious method
 practiced a few days ago by Mr MacLennan by which
 perfectly Bloodless operations on the limbs may
 be performed. It is wonderfully simple both in
 principle & practice. The only principle involved -
 to draw all the blood out of the limb & then once
~~the~~ keep it out. The ~~cases~~ ^{in cases} which I saw it applied
~~was~~ ^{was} ~~never~~ ^{never} ~~done~~ ^{done} of the same the other of the limb
^{from the top} ^{up to the middle of the thigh}
 The whole limb, was first encased lightly with a

This has been ^{and always is} a dull month ^{in the Operating Theatre} 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 degree of accomplishment of their respective Hospitals

Call them all
hand down to the mother country - I would say
It is very kind - I am well & may be which

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^{indiarubber}
string ⁽⁴⁾ elastic bandage about $2\frac{1}{2}$ inches in width
the effect of which was to drive every drop of blood out
of the limb: next a solid cord ^{indiarubber} $\frac{1}{2}$ inch in
dia was ^{was the string} tightly applied at the upper end of the
broad bandage which was then removed leaving
the limb entirely bloodless. In neither operation
was there a single drop of blood lost, a considera-
tion valuable ⁽²⁾ not less to the surgeon than to the
Patient: for he has the advantage of seeing what he
is about - and is not ^{unhappily} troubled by constant spitting.
When after the operation was completed the cord was
removed from the string, it was very interesting
to watch the blood travel down the limb &
then the wound commenced to bleed.

The notes I have originated ^{with} a German Surgeon
& if ^{it has} ~~you have~~ not already ^{reached you} heard of I would strongly
recommend 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 drawn

whichever a lack of neglected opportunities or deficient
brain

In enclosure, to all students who can manage
to gather \$5-000 to 600 I would say come over & visit
it in six or eight months London Hospital practice
is an investment which if properly carried out ^{will} ~~ought~~ ^{perhaps} in
time to ~~yield~~ ^{may do so while visiting} return you cent per cent if put in
hard cash at least in enlarged sympathies, improved
views & pleasant recollections

The best time to come over is about the middle of August
so as to have 3-4 months to look around before the winter
season begins. At the outset economy may be
studied to advantage in saving ^{the} ~~your~~ passage money
by taking over a ship. Write to Moore & Co. Wholesale
Druggist, St Mary Axe Leadmill St. London, ^{England} ~~and~~
a \$10 bill - then fee - about four months before you
want to go over & you will in all probability receive
^{me \$7000 of money derived by London}
a ~~very~~ ~~small~~ ~~sum~~ ~~of~~ ~~money~~ ~~even~~ ~~if~~ ~~you~~ ~~do~~
not ~~the~~ \$10 I will guarantee the safety of the 10 in Mr
Moore's hand

Hope through the winter to let you have some notes
in German practice

J.S.

Medical
English students have many advantages over their
colonial brethren ^{advantages too which are increasing year} and the ~~same~~ ^{different} competition now
^{exists} between ~~at~~ the ~~London~~ ^{different} schools makes
all ~~their~~ ^{their} teachers ~~keenly~~ ^{keenly} alive to their interests.

They must need do so in fact ^{up to 4 or 5} for their pupils ^{go}
before ^{perfect strangers and no 4 or 5} ~~then they have perhaps never seen before~~ ^{with which he is} ~~all the~~
school ^{(or all except 4 or 5} ~~any~~ ^{pupils)} ~~and~~
yearly reports are ^{also} now ^{published} given by all the Licensing
bodies of the number of failures from each school.
A student here in his first winter visited ^{Chem} ~~spending~~
as with us An. Phy. Mat. Med. Chem. Botany
& Diss. to attend to has only ~~at~~ ^{at} the three
former subjects. ^{Subj. being moved} ~~Mat. Med. & Botany~~ ^{are left for}
the three months summer session. ^{more} ~~Then~~ he is
not allowed - I speak on this point of the Coll. school -
to make headlong at dissections before he know
the difference between 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~~ ^{dissecting}. I consider this a most ^{beneficial} ~~advantageous~~
arrangement. It saves the poor man at any rate
two pounds ^{as a rule} for ^{or} he ^{never} makes ^{anything} of his early
dissections & learns nothing, while ^{if} he ^{waits} till
the he has seen ~~the~~ good dissections at the Lectures

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
New Coll. dissecting room is a model & is
in the most ^{best as much as is fitting} arrangement.
as all should be under the direct supervision
of the Prof. 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
~~every~~ ^{all} student assistance & advice. The demonstrator
has an undue bias & of comparative secondary
importance. Success is residing & eluded in the
principle that you cannot do two things at a time
& do both well. No student can take a part and
leave it half directed or direct it in a clever manner
such things are not to be thought of.

Then again with regard to Hospital practice men
are not allowed to commence. In surgery or ^{care} ~~not~~
talking till they have been drilled thoroughly
in the elements of Medical & Surgical diagnosis
^{in large classes conducted by senior members of the staff}
~~Bandaging classes~~ ^{also} ~~once~~ ^{once} three 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 renders lighter so much the
winter work. Materia Medica, Botany, Practical
Chemistry & Obstetrics are composed in it.
Materia Medica recopies her a summer ^{but} ~~but~~ (over)

different position than ^{in the Canadian School} with us ^{at McGill}
(of our) 52(a)
In some schools the Lecturer does not touch
Nat Med. at all, confining himself ^{entirely} to Therap-
eutics & leaving the Drugs to be described by
the Dispenser at the Hospital, who has ^{two weeks} classes
for the purpose. In others the whole subject is got
through in the three months

Still notwithstanding (p. 52)

Matters you see are reversed, the degree which all of
us must obtain is here the coveted honour while
the Diploma are thought nothing of

Even on the ^{anatomical} ~~cost~~ ^{of} ~~both~~ ^{of} ~~the~~ ^{of} ~~time~~ ^{of} ~~&~~ ^{of} ~~money~~ ^{of} ~~it is~~
better a student with limited means & limited time to spend here
supported that a graduate coming over here
~~should be able to~~ ~~support~~ ~~himself~~ ~~at~~ ~~once~~ ~~for~~ ~~expenses~~, this is
a fallacy unless ⁱⁿ ~~in~~ a very exceptional case

Our men spend two or three months ^{directing}
and some ^{over} ~~the~~ ^{work} ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~College~~ ^{of} ~~Surgeons~~, ^{where the benefit ought to be done at home} during which
time ^{at} ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~Hospital~~, ^{made} that they come over especially
for is neglected

Whatever induced men a few years back to go
the words of the licensing bodies in London & Edinburgh
talking qualifications is different to understanding
unless ^{on the opposite} ~~is~~ that they had more money than
brains and themselves laboured under the

Eulerday

believe that a good many simple could ~~do~~ ^{do} my
that a man's knowledge measures directly on
the number of letters ^{in example} after his name
Very few students - will however ^{will be able} ~~have the hard~~
~~work~~ to withstand ^{the} ~~their~~ ^{friends} entreaties of their
friends who think an English qualification
all essential
and if they will kindly promise the friends let them
be taken by all means, they can do no harm, but
let it be understood ~~that~~ ^{as} they 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, with if not more so at least ~~at least~~ ^{at least} ~~rather~~ ^{rather} more

In addition they cost both time and money the Name
is not lost ^{in a manner} for it is spent over

A man comes over intending to go up for the M.A. he
must direct spend about 2-3 months reading for his Primary
& probably will join a grammar class; ~~meanwhile~~ ^{all the} while to get up two
subjects of Anatomy which ought to have been thoroughly
gone over ~~at home~~ so that all the time might be devoted
to liberal work. - the object of his visit

Die Injektionspistole.

Das Rohr. red. cane pipe.

Régime convenant. suitable

Abstreifen + austrenen

Dübel. cover lid

Stempel. stamp. powder. (Pistone?)

Munition + exp. around

Many students feel it a serious loss in their lives
 and press
 and would be hard on our philosophy & standards
 and would mean to touch them at all for the
 a mistake for students with limited time
 preparing the day & evening the individual power

The number of first class clinical teachers
 in London
 men whom you would go out of the way to hear
 is small
~~and~~ considering the ^{for wide} enormous field
 of ~~the~~ hospitals &
 great importance of the subject. The next generation
 will probably see an improvement in this res-
 pect ^{since} at many of the hospitals, ^{men are} ^{especially} ^{selected} the appoint-
 ments are made ~~young~~ ^{junior} men for the ~~positions~~
 positions, who show an aptitude for teaching
 a ^{good} place ^{here} (which might readily be followed out
 at the M.S.H.) in the way in which the junior stud-
 ent. the 1st & 2nd year men get ^{practically} drilled in the elem-
 ents of medical & surgical diagnosis before they are
 admitted to the Cl. Clerkship & Surgical Dress-
 ships. The competition among the ^{London} Schools here
 makes things nearly alike to the interests of the student
 and certainly the ~~man~~ ^{man} and it certainly is
 his own fault if he is not well up ^{for his station} at the expiration
 of four years. Still, ^{notwithstanding} the anxiety-
 displayed ~~is~~ ^{is} bestowed over the candidate

for Exam. at each school, in spite of the endless
Sunday classes, coaching &c., the number of
rejections, ^{at the Colleges} is occasionally almost ludicrous
It is especially at the ^{before} ~~Prize~~ of the Coll of Surgeons
and at the
that men get "spurned". Fifty six out of 113 candidates
were rejected!! Last July at this Exam! which
tells a tale either of undue studiousness or woefully
neglected opportunities. ^{Page 7, here comes in} Students here may
be mightily grouped into two classes, University
& College men, i.e. men proceeding to degrees
at ~~London~~. Oxford or Cambridge, ^{Universities} & men going up
for the ~~College~~ Diploma of the Coll of Phy. or Surgeons.
The former ^{class contains} ~~comprises~~ ^{the} ~~best~~ ^{best} ~~men~~ of the Students
and ~~many~~ most of them are graduates in Arts or
Science, Cambridge Wranglers, Oxford Clarendons and
London Medallists are to be found in their ranks
They have a hard & tedious course even as Paris
men while those ^{beginners for} ~~beginners~~ ^{indeed} must one up early in the
morning & very late take rest. They ^{indeed} ~~have~~ ^{if they could be successful} ~~their~~ ^{their} ~~names~~
however, for from this class is drawn the leaders

Such wholesale plucking ^(?) as that at any of the
Canadian schools would I am afraid ^{bring} ~~be fatal~~
all our students ~~from~~ the border. The exami-
nations here have of late years been rendered
much more rigorous, a good deal owing I think to
the high standard set at London University
~~and~~ ^{but} the ordinary students here seem to think
nothing of pluck, taking it ^{as} a matter of course
that such an untoward event must happen
at least once. The summer session ^{of three months} lightens by one
half the winter work ^{is her thought} ~~is judged in Lond-~~
on that a three months course is sufficient for
Botany, Materia Medica (!) & Obstetric - I wonder
would such an arrangement please the McGill
Students (!). I would advise all students who
purpose visiting England & preventing themselves
from ~~exam~~ to attend most diligently to all the
practical branches, it will avail you nothing
at the Coll of Surg ^{Prins} 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 feet to know whether the heart

they cost time ~~they~~ cost money & students with limited
means will be none the worse ^{obtain} position if they
let them alone & extend their stay with the money which
could have gone ^{has spent} in the fee

It is a pity that a young man ^{to be repelled} ~~is~~ ^{is} generally expected
to return home with ^{to obtain which} ~~no~~ ^{indeed} ~~of~~ ^{is} ~~these~~ ^{is} ~~all-essential~~ ^{is} ~~English~~ ^{is} ~~means~~ ^{is} ~~if~~ ^{is} ~~he~~ ^{is} ~~has~~ ^{is} ~~not~~ ^{is} ~~on~~ ^{is} ~~his~~ ^{is} ~~journey~~ ^{is} ~~is~~ ^{is} ~~seen~~ ^{is} ~~fruitless~~ ^{is} ~~where~~ ^{is} ~~whose~~ ^{is} ~~time~~ ^{is} ~~&~~ ^{is} ~~means~~ ^{is} ~~are~~ ^{is} ~~limited~~ ^{is} ~~feel~~ ^{is} ~~it~~ ^{is} ~~often~~ ^{is} ~~that~~ ^{is} ~~they~~ ^{is} ~~might~~ ^{is} ~~employ~~ ^{is} ~~both~~ ^{is} ~~more~~ ^{is} ~~profitably~~ ^{is}

& Consulting Practitioners are some

The second class, ^{— a large majority.} from the ordinary is made up of those who are deemed to obtain a qualification and get out in practice, or who procure of an ^{an diploma & some time degrees}

A word or two here about English diplomas which Canadian students hanker after so much & about which much misapprehension exists not only among the general public but also where one would not expect it. It ought to be fully understood that the M.B.S. M.C.P. & L.H. are the common

Qualifications which every "Bob Sawyer" must possess in England, ^{if he would sell his pills & mixtures here} they are considered in ^{any} no sense of the word honours. Honours are attached to the

^{un}degrees & the ~~Professors~~ ^{of the Colleges} ~~and~~ I have several times ^{and} ^{men} heard and lamented & ^{perceived} that ^{we} ^{are} ^{so} ^{anxious} ^{for} ^{the} ^{Colleges} ^{to} ^{group} ^{before} ^{the} ^{Colleges}

~~honours. It is not probable that the habit of practicing~~ ^{their expense does in} ~~taking them will cease, soon, but when it does our men~~ ^{will not be the worse & will be coming over here}

of Trichinosis, which have occurred in this coun-
try, ^{as far as I can learn} have been four or five in number, one in Montreal
three in Hamilton and two cases in which I
discovered them post-mortem in Toronto. Others
may and probably have occurred, but have been mis-
taken for something else.