

He met Cheever, Bowditch, Wood, Fitz, and doubtless many of the men with whom

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he had made friends in Vienna. He concluded with the following statement:

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These are indications that the medical schools in the United States are being stirred up to some sense of the requirements and dignity of the profession they teach. It is high time. The fact that a Canadian student, after completing his second winter session (not even passing his primary), can go to the University of Vermont,\* and, I doubt not, to many other institutions, spend ten weeks and graduate, speaks for itself, and shows the need of a sweeping reform.

\* I mention this school because an instance, such as I refer to, came under my notice. The gentleman is at present a fourth year student of McGill College.

Thus, in 1877 when 28 years old, he had begun to write about and urge improvements in medical education.

*There was a great stirring up at the time of less than one which followed the signing of the Bill and again it was passed late for the purpose of what.*

*Med. Ed<sup>n</sup> in Canada for a long time were excepted from the 3 year course and schools of 4 years. In 1860 in Canada and in the 1860s did a few schools follow the 3 year course and 5 year course.*

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of his medical experiences, which, extending as they did over a period of sixty years, would have formed a most valuable contribution to Canadian medicine. To the end he maintained an interest in the progress of the art, and frequently, in conversation, would refer to the great improvements in medicine and surgery. Possessed of an accurate memory stored with interesting incidents both medical and social, he was a most delightful companion, and will greatly be missed at friendly gatherings in Wentworth. To within a year ago, Dr. Hamilton enjoyed an unusual measure of health, indeed in his long career, he was only once laid up by illness. From his boyhood up he was a most enthusiastic curler and had been for some time past President of the Ontario branch of the Royal Caledonian club.