

her people will surely demand the most generous and efficient treatment of the men who have so well represented her. The men chosen for the various commissions, necessary in dealing with the different phases of this important situation should surely be chosen because of their judicial qualifications, and eminent fitness for this work and not as a reward for purely political services. We venture to express the hope, that, whichever of the great political parties may chance to be in power, the problems of the returned soldier may be placed on a higher level than that of mere party politics. In view of the splendid response which has been made to the empire's call by the very flower of the young manhood of this Dominion, and this without reference to race, or creed, or political affiliation. It would, forever, be a blot on the name of Canada, if any man who had served his country faithfully and well were to be humiliated by the fact that it was necessary to pull a party string, or to invoke a partizan influence, to get those things to which the quality of his service entitles him.

We bow with profound respect and reverence at thought of those members of this association and of our profession in this Province and Dominion who have nobly gone forth to serve and who will not return. We respectfully tender an expression of our deep sympathy with those members of our profession who have been bereaved by the death of their sons, their daughters perchance, or of other near friends. They have the mournful satisfaction of knowing that these lives have been sacrificed in a crusade as holy as the world has seen, and can echo the words of the Roman Horatius:

"For how can man die better
Than in facing fearful odds
For the ashes of his father
And the temple of his Gods."

Coming to matters of more immediate interest to the profession in this Province. For many years it has been recognized by thoughtful men that an improved organization of the medical men in the Province and in the Dominion was a matter of the greatest importance. It is true that we have had a national association, The Canadian Medical Association. Provincial associations in the provinces and local associations in the cities, larger towns, and in many of the counties; all of these purely voluntary associations of medical men, anxious to promote the general interests of the profession and to profit by the scientific and social features of the meetings. These societies have filled a very valuable place in the professional life of this country. But there were many grave defects in this form of organization. These societies were isolated and had