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### ON THE PRESENT STATUS OF THERAPY AND ITS FUTURE.\*

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Ten years ago this spring-time the class in medicine in Toronto of which I had the good fortune to be a member left the lecture-rooms and laboratories of its Alma Mater, and sallied forth into the world to put to practical test the lessons learned from the conscientious and enthusiastic instructors, who, during the previous four years had taken care of it. Buoyant with the vigor of early youth, undaunted by the echoes of pessimistic outcries of men a little older, passing through the throes of disillusion which beginning practical experience brings, the members of that class threw themselves into the harness, eager for a trial of their own speed and endurance, anxious for the opportunity to show what they themselves could do.

Notwithstanding the memories of permanently irremediable lesions met with in the morgue, and the progressive disintegration of many of the cases seen in the hospital wards, unflinchingly demonstrated to us by our clinical teachers, not one of us but carried with him on leaving the highest hopes of benefiting suffering humanity, not one of us but had a keener conception of his powers than of his limitations in general and special therapy. It would be interesting to make a canvass to-day of the members of that class with regard to the effects

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