

wherein the unseen shade of his gracious presence and the silent echoes of his much loved voice may be said yet to linger, let his memory be kept forever green. His life was an inspiration and a quickening spur to those who were privileged to associate with him, and to know him well, and to them and to thousands upon thousands of his grateful fellow countrymen his name will always remain the synonym of fervid patriotism and of executive wisdom and power, and of large-hearted humanity, and of Canadian manhood, and of Christian gifts and graces. Nationally, we are quite too close to him as yet to clearly perceive the grandeur and loftiness of his public personality. The future will esteem him much more highly than the present, will regard him as unquestionably the greatest Canadian of the century, and will accord him such lasting honors that, long after the brazen effigy of his person which ornaments these grounds shall have crumbled into the dust of the ages, his name and the grand results of his life-work shall still endure. Peace to his ashes. May our Canadian youth never cease to emulate his virtues or to strive to attain to the measure of his glorious individuality.

Retrospect and Prospect.

To a brief statement of my impressions regarding some of the educational aspects of the present I proceed with much diffidence. For twenty-five years past my attention has been engrossed by my present pursuits, my energies have been devoted to the daily routine of medical reading and medical practice. During all those years I have found but little leisure in which to keep myself familiar with the trend of modern educational thought, or with the ever changing phases of modern educational development and technique. Hence, to-day, in the presence of an audience composed largely or wholly of those not from the educational workshops or the educational directorate of the land, I am oppressed with feelings nearly akin to those which perplex a traveller, who, grown grey in foreign climes, has just returned to his own, his native land, and is there confronted with changes and evolutions and developments which almost amount to revolution. His once well-known landmarks are set back or swept away. His trusted standards of comparison are superseded by newer ideals or by larger actualities. Even the modes of thought, and turns of expression, and fashions of speech, erst in use, have become so altered that his own vernacular now strangely halts upon his unaccustomed tongue. And thus, standing among once familiar surroundings, where it may be in the past he was wont to speak *ex cathedra*, he is now weighted