

with their well-known character. I can only most sincerely thank them for their cordial good-will and co-operation. I hope it will be my privilege to welcome one of their number as President at the next meeting held in Toronto, when I hope to be able to show evidence of my appreciation of the uniform kindness that has been extended to me here. I wish further to express my great appreciation of the work of the Executive and various committees; the results are evident in the excellence of this meeting.

I may be permitted here to give expression to the deep sorrow with which every member of this Association heard of the calamity that overtook McGill University and Medical Faculty in the loss of their building last April. It is not necessary to assure them of our sympathy. The loss was not McGill's only, but was one also to medical education in this country and on this continent.

We are glad to know that the cloud had its silver lining, and that now they are rather to be congratulated on the near prospect of a magnificent new building than condoled with on the loss of the old one, good as it was. We knew that, "Phoenix-like," the institution would rise from its ashes, and be greater than ever. As we sorrowed with them so will we all now rejoice with them. We wish them "God-speed."

During the past year several members of this Association have gone "to the bourne whence no traveller returns." Among these were three of the most eminent in the Canadian profession, men of world-wide repute, to whose memory a brief reference is permissible. In this bereavement this city has to deplore the loss of Sir William Hingston and James Stewart, and Toronto, that of George A. Peters. All three had the common experience of being reared in a hard school, so that success could be attained only by living laborious days and practising the most rigid economy, conditions which often develop, as nothing else can, the best that is in a man. Each was a master in his own sphere, each possessed in an eminent degree "the genius for taking pains." Of each it may with truth be said that he was "the noblest work of God, an honest man."

Sir William Hingston was a distinguished type of the surgeon of the old school, a school in which it was essential to possess courage, decision and dexterity. Those of us who were not in close touch with his surgical work were attracted to him chiefly as the man. He was the embodiment of refined courtesy