

It is a simple matter to give a brief history of Dr. Graham's career, but a very difficult task to write an ordinary obituary notice that will do justice to the character of the man, and at the same time give anything like a proper review of the great and good work he accomplished during his life. Fortunately, the profession of Canada, as well as the general public, fully recognized his admirable qualities of mind and heart, and showed their appreciation during his life. From a purely medical standpoint, however, I have to note that his reputation spread far beyond the confines of our Dominion. He was almost as well known to the leading medical lights of the larger cities of the United States as he was to his friends in Canada.

It was my privilege to know James E. Graham, both as a boy and a man. As a boy, he was bright, studious and clever—to such an extent that his friends expected much from him. As a man, he improved and developed in many ways—to such an extent that he more than realized all previous expectations as to his success in life. My more intimate acquaintance with him extended over a period of about twenty-one years. If asked by the graduates of to-day to tell the secret of his success, I must say that I would have nothing striking or novel to relate. I would answer in a general way that strict integrity, unvarying industry, steadfastness of purpose, good judgment, uniform courtesy and kindness of manner, and charity towards all men were the qualities in him that made him great.

When he commenced practice in Toronto in 1872, he had fortified himself by having obtained a good knowledge of his profession by four years of undergraduate work, and three years of post-graduate experience. An old and common expression suits his case exactly: He always thought that a thing that was worth doing at all, was worth doing well. He neglected nothing in the way of the smallest detail in his treatment of any patient, were he rich or poor. He studied each case as carefully as if he had never heard of such a case before. He was in every case patient, kind, thoughtful and attentive.

Soon after he commenced practice, he began to pay special attention to certain branches of his profession—pure medicine and dermatology. He always endeavored to keep abreast of the times, and early formed the habit of going frequently to large medical centres in the United States and Europe to gain more knowledge. He investigated his cases thoroughly, wrote histories of them, and frequently published the results. He wrote much for medical societies and medical journals. He refused to take any active part in politics or anything else that was not directly connected with his profession. After he gave two courses in chemistry, he refused to do any more work of that kind, because he desired to confine himself strictly to medi-