

His knowledge of medicine was deep and clear, such knowledge as comes only by living laborious days of self-sacrificing devotion to our Art.

George A. Peters was a type of the best in the modern school of surgery. Among Canadian surgeons, at least, he had no superior and few peers. Who could desire higher praise? He was a man of sterling character and rugged honesty, and fearless in his condemnation of whatever was unworthy of the highest traditions of his profession. His was a spirit that no difficulties or dangers could make quail or deviate from the path of rectitude. How vividly in recalling his career we are impressed with the truth of the aphorism of the Father of Medicine: "Art is long and time is fleeting."

I have great pleasure in drawing attention to the fact that Dr. William Bayard of St. John, N.B., a past president of this Association, completed seventy years in the practice of medicine on the 1st day of August last, and that he is still able, at the age of 93 years, to meet the wishes of many patients by ministering to their wants. His Alma Mater, the University of Edinburgh, on this 71st anniversary of his graduation, showed her appreciation of his character as a man and his work as a physician by conferring on him the degree of LL.D. Such a long professional life is, perhaps, unprecedented in modern times, it is, at least, so I believe, in the annals of Canadian Medicine. I have already, in the name and behalf of the Association, extended to Dr. Bayard the greetings and best wishes of the Association. I would suggest that now in Annual Session you authorize me to telegraph the renewal of our high esteem for him and sincere hope that the "eventide" may be calm and without a cloud.

I. RE-ORGANIZATION.

It is just forty years since this Association was organized. The first meeting was held in Quebec under the Presidency of Sir Charles Tupper, one who has since attained such eminence as a statesman. It is interesting to note that this first meeting was among the largest ones held by this Association—109 being present. At the second meeting, held in this city, there were 135, after that for several years the attendance never reached 100. Even of late years, compared with this first meeting, the Association has not shown the advance either in attendance or work that its founders were entitled to anticipate. However, history has but repeated itself, the higher life, intellectual and scientific, of young countries as of individuals, is always the latest to develop. It is quite possible that to the clear vision of the Fathers of the Association it was evident that its growth would be slow and subject to many