

We would like also to congratulate the Association on the election of Dr. H. H. Chown of Winnipeg as the next President. We have known Dr. Chown for many years as man and boy, and we are confident that the Association made a wise selection. He will discharge the duties of the office faithfully and well. As Dr. Chown is a Kingstonian by birth and a graduate in medicine of a Kingston institution, we have a double pleasure in seeing him honoured by his fellow practitioners throughout the Dominion. We prophesy a very successful meeting next year under his presidency.

PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS.

Kingston Medical and Surgical Society, Oct. 1st, 1900. DR. J. C. CONNELL.

MY first duty is to thank you for the honor you have done me in selecting me to be your President for the ensuing year. A man can have no greater honor than to be chosen thus by those best qualified to estimate his shortcomings, that is, by those of his own profession. I can only hope that with the help of the Secretary, the shortcomings may not be conspicuous during my year of office.

In the second place I must express an ardent and confident hope in the future of this Society. A Society, it is true, may be useful tho' temporary; but I believe a local society may have as long and useful a career as a provincial or a dominion one. Decentralization is one of the marks of progress. Whatever may be the general opinion of our future as a society there can be no doubt of the value of what has been accomplished during the four years of its existence, and this is a fitting time to review the past and to find in it if we can some stimulus for future effort. In the first place it is no small thing that meetings have been held here regularly during the last four years, and I do not hesitate to say that those who have attended have given and received benefit, and have maintained professional relationships more thoroughly than would otherwise have been the case. In the second place the community has been impressed with the