

physics, of chemistry, of physiology, and of pathological anatomy"; and to the advancement of this end we consecrate the labours of this new journal. But advanced science has in large measure failed, where all our philosophers have failed, in the field of reconstruction; and in the domain of Medicine her greatest triumphs have been, and must necessarily continue to be, in preventing disease. Remembering that the Royal College of Physicians has enumerated one thousand one hundred and forty-six variations from health in the human family, there can be no surprise that one of the most advanced teachers, recently deceased, of the *art of healing*, should have said, that the science of medicine of the future must be increasingly preventive. Noble as is the science which relieves pain, greater is that which prevents it. To the field of preventive medicine, therefore, as an integral part of the teaching and practice of Medicine, we hope to devote our best energies. In fine, we bespeak for our new enterprise the kindly consideration, and hearty endorsement and support of those wishing to see developed, with whatever energy and ability the journal may be capable of, the thought, which a sweet singer finds in musing over the cambered coil of the nautilus:

"Build thee more stately mansions, O my soul,
As the swift seasons roll;
Leave thy low vaulted past!
Let each new temple, nobler than the last,
Shut thee from heaven with a dome more vast,
Till thou at length art free,
Leaving thy outgrown shell by Life's unresting sea!"

Regarding the public policy of MEDICAL SCIENCE it seems almost unnecessary to add, after what has already been said, that all measures of governmental policy, having for their aim the extension of the facilities for experimental study, whether in medicine proper, veterinary science or bacteriological work as affecting plants and agriculture will have the journal's constant attention and support, since quoting Virchow, "Science is unproductive when it has not a national character"; while every movement of expediency tending to disintegration and sectionalism may expect its

unqualified disapproval. As regards its attitude towards existing Medical Schools, we trust each and all of them will find in "MEDICAL SCIENCE" active support and recognition of all efforts put forth for the development of true scientific work, and uncompromising hostility to any disposition on their part to become mere "mills." For the Medical Council we have but kindly words and encouragement, so long as the recent manifestations of endeavours to improve the status of the profession and to stimulate the teaching of practical work by increasing clinical and laboratory examinations are evident: but should the "old leaven" of *laissez faire aller* again germinate or develop we may be expected to point out to the electorate in what particulars members fail of their duty. The Council, as voicing the opinion of all parts of the Province, are considered to represent the opinions of the various constituencies, and become a benefit to the profession in proportion to the breadth of opinion they as legislators may hold. To the Local Boards of Health and their Medical and Sanitary officers, who by law have powers and duties laid upon them, often as disagreeable as they are extended and responsible, it is not too much to promise that it shall be our constant pleasure and duty to supply, in the most available and practical form, the most recent information on the varied matters which come under their control: and to the Medical health officers we would say that our appreciation of their position and of the demands upon their time and resources insures for them the championship of their rights before an often unappreciative or ungrateful public, until their status from the standpoint of adequate remuneration shall have in some degree been recognized.

From all for the fulfilment of what we deem to be our mission we shall expect that small but necessary financial support, which shall obviate the appropriate epitaph:

"Full short his journey was, no dust
Of earth unto his sandals gave;
The weary weight that old men must
He bore not to the grave."