

the helm and his disciple plied the oars. When well on our way the storm broke into violence and fury. Heaven's artillery roared and electric pyrotechnics at swift following intervals enabled the helmsman to guide the tiny boat over the vast billows, which were rolling higher and higher every minute. We two mortals felt our time had come, and expected every moment to sink to a watery grave. Had it not been for his good judgment and discernment and correct work at the helm I would not have been able to tell you anything of the Doctor's early career; and if I had not made the most strenuous efforts at the oars till the shore was reached, you would not have had our mutual friend as guest here to-night; and free I am to confess before you all, and in which confession I doubt not he will join—that the joint toiling of each for both, and both for each, proved a bond of friendship never yet broken; and Heaven forbid that it should ever be. We landed safely, as you see, though fear turned my hairs to gray, and drove crimson blood into his, thus giving me the appearance of age, and him of youth, which, as you all must know, is a reverse of the true condition. This condition of his will be in his favor in seeking to avoid the chloroform age. But of reminiscence and of humor enough.

“Environment contributes greatly to education, and is a most important factor in the formation of character; and the aggregate of the diversified environment to which our friend was related during a period of over one-third of a century as Medical Superintendent, first of the Hamilton Hospital, where his natural qualifications, scholastic attainment, practical experience and professional lore had marked him a most suitable man to assume the responsibilities of a similar but more onerous position to which he was called, namely, that of Medical Superintendent of the largest hospital in the Province, in the Queen City of Toronto. The varied environments in the latter position during a period of thirty years must have occasioned a crucial test of strength of will, power of self-possession, of self-abnegation, resolution of purpose, and other attributes of a strong, well-balanced mind so necessary in one having to consider the varied interests of the trustees, the profession, the patients, the staff and the public. That he met their expectations, and merited their fullest confidence and appreciation, has been or is being proved in a marked degree.

“As the composite picture or aggregate of impressions of the several artists produces the true physiognomy and cranial