

closing, a few words upon what seems to me to be the value of the West to the profession of medicine in Canada and to this association, and a few words also upon the future of medicine in the West.

What is the value of the West to medicine? Does not the answer lie in the words, energy and newness and opportunity. The West is young and lusty, and full of life. It has a love of action, and it has a love of newness. It is unhampered by traditions, whether of conduct or of science. It will do the things that it thinks right, whether in conduct or in science. I really do believe that, in medicine as in the rest of human endeavor, the West is going to supply that leaven of originality which, after all, is "the one thing needful." The West thinks boldly and acts boldly, by necessity first, then by conviction, and ultimately by habit. Give the West a little more time to establish herself soundly in the higher education, by means of provincial universities, and she will yield a rich harvest of energetic and trained men who will have in them that invaluable dash of Western originality which makes for really big work.

And now, what is to be the future of medicine in Alberta and the West? I think it will be admitted by everybody that the goal towards which we must strive in the matter of medical education in Canada is the establishment of a first-class medical school in each province of the Dominion, as part of a provincial university. This does not mean that each province must have a medical school as a necessity of itself; it means rather that with the enormous growth in population in Canada, it will become inevitable that each province shall have a medical school, and that we must see to it that that medical school is a first-class one. In Alberta we already have, and have had for the past four years, a provincial university which is doing excellent work under the able presidency of Professor Tory. We have no doubt that before very long we shall be able to establish a good medical faculty. And I would point out that we have already in Alberta first-class facilities for the education of the medical man. Our hospitals are excellent institutions, and will soon be quite large enough to serve efficiently for the teaching of medicine. What we must aim at is to establish close relations between the university and any proposed beginnings of medical teaching. There is plenty of money in the country with which to endow education. It must be our business to show to our wealthy business men the advantages which must accrue to the province at large from any financial help given to the cause of general education. I place my faith in the growing wealth of this new country, and not less in the inherent generosity of the Westerner. It seems to me in-