

more pleasing had he shown some courteous attention himself. Any one would prefer to receive a warm hand-shake with a smile at the hall door than to leave unnoticed by the back door.

Who could imagine such a radical change would be made and no proclamation or notice be given to those most affected. What the results will be no one can tell. A great opportunity is given to the autocratic manager of the Medical Department. I feel he will work hard to accomplish his task. The University has given him a free hand.

I have too much affection for an institution which has had my humble efforts, my best thoughts for its success for the past half century, to wish it any other than complete and continuous progress. It is my earnest hope that the young man now studying to whom Fate unknown to him has given the honour to record the events and acts occurring in this Medical School from the beginning of the Connell dynasty until the Centennial, will have to write a record brilliant with achievement and discovery.

There was no Dean, none except Dr. Fowler. There were no rules or regulations; none were needed. The unwritten rules, the amenities which govern educated gentlemen, regardless of social position sufficed. Standing on a common equality and independence each man felt on his honour bound to do his share as if the life of the School rested on him, that no success could be gained without a strong pull and a pull all together. Thus was accomplished the unparalleled achievement of nursing and developing the School in a city like Kingston.

The relations of teachers was ever frank and kindly, akin to affection. A familiar intercourse with students while at College was encouraged, resulting in attachment, and manly, independent tone, never requiring a brake. Prosperity, prompt and progressive, came to the School and continued for over forty years. There is no reason why it should not continue if the same spirit animates its staff as did their predecessors, and with that good wish this narrative and valedictory concludes. It is time, for it has assumed much larger proportions than was intended. The first resolution has been adhered to, viz., to avoid any personal criticism except that based on facts. Any irregularity is due to its dependence on memory and the absence of any friendly hand to arrange the paragraphs. It must be recollected it is intended chiefly for my students, past and present, and a few professional friends. The vindication of my career and the remarks on its exit could not well be avoided. It is the last, the only opportunity, I shall have. The feeling to obtain sympathy or any notion of honour never entered my mind, knowing well that such must always be spontaneous.

In any case I have "a round, unvarnished tale delivered."