

kindly, companionable friend, whose sad, untimely death cast such a gloom over us all. He was with us last year in London, and at that time promised a long and successful career in his chosen work—and John Caven—what shall I say of him? I knew him best as I knew him first, as the young and boyish-looking Lecturer in Pathology in the University of Toronto, twenty-five years ago. At that time I thought I myself knew something of teaching, as I had been engaged in that work for many years, but I was glad to sit at the feet of John Caven and learn afresh the art of making obscure things plain and difficult things easy for the student. I have heard it said, and I can quite believe it true, that he was the best teacher of pathology that the University has ever had. His intellect was ever keen and alert. His witty remarks, quick repartee, sharp criticisms and boundless enthusiasm endeared him to his students and made his subject—dry and tiresome as it is apt to be—the best-liked on the curriculum. He was a great teacher. I like to remember him as such.

I do not propose to enter into a detailed survey or review of the many advances made in medical or surgical treatment during the last two years. I could not, if I would. Many of you are more competent to do that than I. I am rather going to content myself with a few remarks on matters which have interested the profession during my term of office; to act the bystander, as it were, watching the trend of events, rather than as one "*in medias res.*"

The annual meeting of the Medical Officers of Health and the annual meeting of this Association have this year both been held in the month of May. For the first-mentioned of these meetings, practitioners are brought to Toronto from every part of the Province, even from the remotest parts. Would it not be wise for the officers of the two societies to get together and arrange that, on any future occasion when both meetings are due to meet in Toronto, a united meeting be held; or, if that be found unwise, that at least the meetings be held in the same week. Such an arrangement would be of mutual advantage. We might then have at our annual meetings some whom we rarely see here.

Sir James Whitney, in his short address at the opening ceremonies of the new General Hospital, announced that "the Provincial Legislature had decided to appoint a Commission to investigate the whole subject of medical education and the practice of medicine in the Province." Two most important ques-