

suffering such ill-founded criticism to have any destructive effect on the College; in appreciating the fact that Medical Education in Nova Scotia is on a sound and safe basis; and in recognizing the urgent need of a

new and thoroughly equipped Pathological Laboratory, in the interests of Public Health, and of Medical Education.

If our work is to endure we must make it fit to endure.

DISCUSSION.

Dr. John Stewart said: I think that Dr. Campbell's carefully prepared paper demands the serious consideration of this society. I think we all feel that he has shown very clearly that the estimate made of the Halifax Medical College by the Carnegie Foundation is a very unfair one, very misleading, and influenced by prejudice. To my mind the keynote to the nature of the report lies in the word "mercenary." The use of such a word in describing the founders or the teachers of the College is simply unjust and entirely uncalled for. Who, for instance, that knows him, can attribute mercenary motives to Dr. A. P. Reid, or indeed any of those who founded and fostered the College. They certainly gave more than any pecuniary return has given them.

Nothing but prejudice, or gross ignorance of the history of the College could lead to the use of so offensive a term.

The friends of the College do not think of claiming rank with the foremost medical schools; what they do claim is that the College gives a sound and efficient training in medicine, and they can justify their attitude by pointing to the many graduates of the College now practising successfully, and holding honourable positions not only in the Maritime Provinces and Newfoundland, but in Western Canada and abroad.

I believe this Society, numbering as it does many graduates of the College, has confidence in the College, and considers that it supplies a need in these eastern provinces.

The gentlemen who report so unfavourably on the College comment on our limited laboratory facilities. Well we should like more apparatus, but so does every laboratory. There is always something more wanted. And it is the man more than the laboratory that makes for efficiency. There were no pathological laboratories when Lister developed antiseptic surgery; Koch, a country practitioner in a lonely Prussian village, had no laboratory, but what he could construct himself. Trudeau alone in the Adirondacks demonstrated the main facts in our knowledge of tuberculosis.

The hospital facilities are quite sufficient for the number of the students.

I think it would be a good plan for all the graduates of the Halifax Medical College, who naturally resent this ill-informed attack on their school, and who must feel that the good character of their degree is called in question, to form a league or society to aid in the continuance and the efficiency of the College.

Dr. Birt, Halifax, ventured an opinion on one point only. He thought, since he was neither a native of the province nor a graduate of the H. M. C., and since his connection