

progress, or to divert her course in the contest of nations for pre-eminence in all that constitutes true greatness. The spirit of progress is abroad armed with the all-compelling weapons of modern invention, hampered by no medieval absurdities and thwarted by no ignorant prejudices; we are justified in entertaining the most exalted and hopeful view of the future of our country, and may deem ourselves fortunate in bearing a part in the development of so fair a heritage. As physicians, the part, we assume, is not an insignificant one. To enact wise laws, to encourage commerce, to preserve peace within our borders, and to command the respect of neighbouring nations are objects worthy the most exalted ambition and the most patriotic determination; but will it be said that the aims of medical science are less exalted or less conducive to national prosperity or individual happiness? To cure disease, to alleviate suffering, to extend the limit of human life, to enlarge the field of human usefulness, to be able to prevent disease by removing the cause; surely the profession that devotes its energies to the accomplishment of these objects is entitled to the fostering care of governments and to the liberality of wealthy citizens.

“A sound nation is a nation that is composed of sound human beings, healthy in body, strong of limb, true in word and deed, brave, temperate, sober, chaste; to whom morals are of more importance than wealth. It is to form character of this kind that human beings are sent into this world, and those nations who succeed in doing it are those who have made their mark in history. They are nature's real freemen and give to man's existence on this planet its real interest and value.” (*Froude.*) In the not-distant future this Dominion will be the home of fifty millions of people with all the wealth and all the greatness that implies, a thought that may well inspire us with feelings of pride and satisfaction; but the wise man will not be so much impressed by the vastness of our territory, the multitude of our people, or the size and wealth of our cities, but will be more concerned in the problem of the social advancement, the civil liberty, the physical perfection, the scientific status and the moral rectitude of our teeming population. When that time