

equipment of laboratories contained therein, presenting a combination of circumstances sufficient in efficiency and equipment to guarantee a medical education for the country which will bring it into the foremost rank of the world. But this satisfactory state of affairs has only been rendered possible by great sacrifices made by every member of the medical staff, who in this particular has maintained the reputation which is the pride of our profession—that where progress in medical science is to be made, or where the status of the medical profession is to be enhanced, or where benefit is to be conferred upon those who are to receive the consideration of physicians, such work must be proceeded with regardless of the sacrifices it entails. The amalgamation of the medical college, and the fusion of the two medical faculties does not mean merely the formation of a huge medical combine—it means far more. It means a unification of medical interests in the province, and their welding with the interests and the life of the Provincial University, and the focusing of its powers, and with all its far and wide-reaching influences to compel the recognition and support which this institution and our profession are justly entitled to demand. Furthermore it means obliterating the line of separation which might attach to this or that graduate of any particular school. It tends to obliterate those influences which separate students and practitioners in their early professional career, and which have in the past sometimes been carried on and continued in after years, when they should long since have been forgotten, and enables the student to avail himself of the best in medical science and example procurable. I hope in future years many of you will see, when this plant shall have reached its maturity as the result of its renewed life, a fragrance and a beauty which will make the advancement of medical science renowned in all places where that science is known.

In no department of knowledge has the separation of thought from the tangled mesh of scholasticism been followed by more or greater benefits to science and humanity than in medicine. Since reason displaced authority, and demonstration superseded unverified hypothesis, medicine has gradually worked its way into the front rank among so-called natural sciences. Thanks to the method of experimentation, medicine, as an art and a science, has made more advance in the last two centuries and a half than it had made in the previous eighteen.

If this work is to continue and grow it can only do so by the distribution of that knowledge regarding medicine, which