

While the ballots for the Medical Officers were being counted, the President availed himself of the opportunity to return thanks for his re-election and said:—

I have to thank you for the confidence you have shown in again electing me as your President. I feel that I lack the great ability and tact of my predecessor; but, if I may not be as successful in the management of this Institution as he has been, let me say it shall not be from a want of the will but of the ability. It affords me much pleasure to say that I am ably supported by my friends and *confrères*, Mr. Stirling the Vice-President, Mr. Davidson the Treasurer, and Mr. Cowie who performs the arduous duty of Secretary of the Committee of Management. Every member of the Committee has, during the past year, faithfully done his duty. I do not believe that any other institution in the city has a more harmonious or self-sacrificing Committee. As a Committee we have to mourn the loss of our *confrère*, Dr. Geo. W. Campbell, and of one who sat for nine years at our Board, the late T. M. Bryson, whose failing health compelled his resignation some time ago.

I have to congratulate the Governors upon the many generous bequests and donations recently made to the Hospital and announced in the Annual Report presented to the corporation on Tuesday last.

The munificence of David J. Greenshields is one that I hope will not be forgotten, and those who have the means will, I trust, have the heart to follow his example. Mrs. Charles Stewart's bequest is also a handsome one, while others have left and given to us in sums of \$5,000 and under about \$18,000.

These legacies and donations will make, when received, an addition of about \$78,000 to our Permanent Fund. The report calls attention to increased hospital accommodation as being urgently needed. I mention this only to say that I intend going to Britain next month, and hope to have some interviews and counsel with my predecessor, Mr. Redpath, who has for years been studying this question. I shall also make it my duty to visit as many hospitals as I can that are worthy of note, and hope that after my return the Committee will be able to suggest some plan by which the much-needed increase can be carried out to best advantage for the interests of the Hospital. The Committee during the winter months took up the question of having an ambulance; friends subscribed the amount required, and it is hoped that in a few days it will be ready for use. I have arranged with the