

phcey, and said with regard to certain schemes for improvement, which were then very much *in nubibus*, that "While in the past professional jealousy had been so keen and controversy so bitter that success would have been hardly a possibility. Now, *Laus Deo*, we know each other better, and out of mutual respect can come united and successful action. True, we are given to criticizing each other a good deal; but, with a rare exception, this is in the spirit of rivals rather than of antagonists. Old animosities are dying out and are not being replaced.

"The teeming future,
Glorious with visions of a full success,"

holds for us a grand, united and splendidly equipped school of medicine, doing for the students of a coming time what in an imperfect and patchy way we are striving to accomplish now.

I have faith in that future and in the men who shall sway its destinies, and believe that with absolute fairness to all real interests the wisest course can be found and followed."

Do I make an undue claim in saying that the forecast of the future then given was at least as accurate as the average of recent political forecasts in what is geographically the larger half of North America?

The boards governing our larger hospitals are fully awake to the needs of the present and of the future. The new Toronto General and the Western Hospitals are engaged in extensive building operations. St. Michael's is adding a new wing to its present building. Bearing the name of a saint, who, if my memory serves me rightly, is mentioned but four times in the Bible—and every time fighting—we shall expect this hospital to keep well in the foreground.

The Hospital for Sick Children is always adding to its facilities, and Grace, we are hoping, will soon take similar action. It may well be a matter for mutual congratulation that these various institutions through their boards and staffs aided each other in obtaining civic and other grants.

This is as it should be, but not as it would have been under conditions that formerly were present with us. I yield to no one in my admiration for what our predecessors, in the face of untold difficulties were able to accomplish. Fortunately we may honor them and honor the work they did, without being tied in any way to the precedents they established. There were giants in those days! Rolph and Widmer, Bovell and Beaumont, Hodder and Richardson, were men of whom any city might be proud.