

spots, such as the heart, and indeed their respected friend, Sir Victor Horsley, gets down very close to the medulla oblongata. The x-ray is now giving the surgeon and the pathologist better data than ten years ago.

Reference was made to the efforts of Dr. Roddick to secure a common standard of registration for the Dominion. The hope was expressed that the Roddick Bill would soon come into operation by all the provinces adopting its provisions.

In closing, the growth of the medical association was compared to that of some mighty tree, whose record was written in annular rings on its trunk. If it showed scars, showing the hand of the faithful pruner, giving strength and better fruitage to the other portions; if there could be seen branches of other sorts grafted into the essence of its life, it would still not only be a thing of beauty, but would live and grow to be a joy forever.

THE CIRCULATION VIEWED FROM THE PERIPHERY.*

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MR. President, Ladies and Gentlemen,—In the first place I must thank you, and through you the whole British Medical Association for the high honor which has been conferred on me in my appointment to deliver this address. This is an honor and a privilege which happens to very few men, and that only once in a lifetime. I feel the dignity of the office and the obligations which it entails all the more deeply inasmuch as the invitation in the first place came from the members of the Association resident in this city. When the invitation was conveyed to me I rather hesitated to undertake a task which I felt I could only inadequately perform, but, on the other hand, I looked upon the request as a command, and it seemed to me that I could scarcely refuse to undertake a duty for which I had been selected by my Canadian brethren.

After accepting the task my difficulties began, and my first was in choosing a subject which would have a more or less general interest.

It finally occurred to me that I might find some devious path or unbeaten track in the vast field of medicine which I might pursue with some measure of success. I intuitively turned my attention to the circulation, the ramifications of which pervade the whole field, and as

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