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GENTLEMEN :—

At the distribution of prizes, King's College, London, July last, Mr. Gladstone in his able address, remarked to the students, "to leave no stone unturned, to refuse the ignoble invitations of sloth and lassitude, to do their very best in all things and to be satisfied with nothing else." No better illustration could possibly be given of the spontaneous efforts of a great people, to do their best and be satisfied with nothing else, than the recent International Medical Congress, at Philadelphia, where between 6 and 700 from all parts of the habitable globe assembled, to deliberate upon the best means of promoting "the holiest and dearest interests of our noble profession and in placing their contributions, the result of years of patient study and observation, upon a common altar for the common good." Here the arterial pulses from Europe, the far east; from Japan and China; India and Australia acted synchronously and rhythmically, in one grand sympathetic centre of the North-American Continent. Here the accumulated facts of a century were carefully and cautiously reviewed, demonstrating beyond a doubt, the great scientific advance of the age in which we live. The master minds of the past century did their work nobly. Their observations are the seeds from which germinated the power now at our disposal in the mastery of disease medical and surgical. The profession of our day must acknowledge, that the common sense principles which prevail, have gained strength and

taken deep root, by gradually "broadening down from precedent to precedent."

In Great Britain and her Colonies, the past forty years, have brought about a great change, and a desirable advance in Medical science generally. Most of the great laborers who contributed so largely to the work, have passed away, and in departing have left behind them, "foot prints on the sands of time."

In Canada there are to-day eight Medical Schools, six English and two French, in all of which a Medical Education, in keeping with the spirit of the age, may be obtained. In an educational point of view, Canada has reason to feel gratified with the marked progress in her Educational Institutions, and of none more so, than her Medical Schools. At the International Medical Congress, the profession from Canada were most cordially received, and accorded some of the highest positions at that Great Medical Council of the world.

How gratifying it must be to all interested in the developement and progress of the Educational institutions of so young a country, to observe, that labor in the most comprehensive sense of the term is gradually forming for Canada, a national character. A continuance of the health, life and vital activity, to be observed making its impress everywhere, is a guarantee, than which no better could possibly be required in behalf of a country seeking greatness, through the only true portals of success. The proceedings of the Medical Congress when published will convey an idea of the magnitude of the work accomplished in a single week, the greater portion of which was of an exceedingly practical character. The surgical section was rendered particularly interesting and attractive by the exhaustive lecture of Professor Lister, on Antiseptic Surgery, which occupied fully three hours, and was listened to throughout, with the most profound attention. So far American Surgeons have not adopted the views and treatment in the most comprehensive sense, but the cogency of argument, clearness of scientific deductions, and ease of application of this treatment, coupled with the marked success in British and European hospitals, cannot but encourage transatlantic surgeons to give "Listers System" a fair and unbiased trial. Experience in the aggregate will do much to place Antiseptic Surgery beyond doubt, and it is grati-