

examination of the blood, yet he must have a good working knowledge of obstetrics, of gynecology, of internal medicine, of minor surgery, of therapeutics, of affections of the eye, nose and throat, of hygiene and the public health, and a special knowledge of pediatrics, a subject too often overlooked in the schools. But what of his other duties? He must know how to draw a will. I have known him to act as judge of the prize babies at the fall fairs. He will be coroner, medical officer of health, examiner for a half-dozen life insurance companies, member of the Library Board, or more probably of the School Board. This is a very common duty. He will be a member of the Town or Township Council—This is another very common duty—or a member of the County Council or even of the Legislative Assembly. He is probably well known in social circles; and, odd though it may seem to some of you, well known in religious circles. He must be prepared at any time to take the platform and make a speech. Such are some of the activities—medical, social and municipal—of the country practitioner, who is so unobtrusive and non-aggressive in assemblies such as this. In the name of these men scattered all over the Province, I thank you for the honor conferred upon one of us by electing me to preside over this meeting.

I wish further to thank those who have labored so faithfully and given so much of their time and thought in preparation for this annual meeting. The programme is extensive and varied. It is the menu card of the annual feast prepared for you. I trust you have come here with appetites keen-edged for the discussion of things professional, old and new. For at this feast, as at all others, "*Fames est optimum condimentum.*"

For a portion of this programme we are indebted to our medical brethren of the great neighboring Republic. To them I extend a warm welcome from this Association. We are indeed pleased to have them with us. Reciprocity in medical thought is, and always has been, the world over, one of the outstanding landmarks of the profession. This is one kind of reciprocity that we have no objection to in this country.

Without encroaching upon the field of the Committee on Necrology, I would like to recall the names of many of our brethren who have gone down "through the valley of the shadow" since our last meeting; but will content myself by mentioning only three—Dr. Daniel Clark, who for thirty years was Superintendent of the Queen Street Asylum, and was in my day the Lecturer in Mental Diseases—Dr. Fred. Fenton, the genial,