

lighted in conning over the genius and ability of his pupil Virgil, and so in like manner Virgil was charmed at the intellectual ability of a spirited youth who was under his tuition. Again, Sir Humphrey Davy had great pride and satisfaction in his associate Faraday, whose investigations in electricity have marked an era of advancement in electrical progress. Thus pupils give unbounded pleasure to their teachers, and the sympathy between them is most marked. Let me say here that the question of hospitalism is intimately allied with the working of the Canadian Medical Association for that reason it is well, in the selection of the place of meeting, to have as large a centre as possible in order to observe the greatest possible amount of clinical study. Montreal, therefore, cannot fail to be very attractive, and when the new hospital, so generously endowed by two Canadian philanthropists, is finally completed and in operation, the facilities here for observation will doubtless be of immense service not only to the meetings of our Association but to those who are fortunate enough to receive instruction at this centre. Hospitalism in Canada is certainly now in the ascendant. When West a short time ago I was pleased to note at Medicine Hat a most charming hospital, built of cut stone, on the banks of the Bow River, equipped with all the modern appliances, and some of the most critical operations in surgery being performed by a graduate of the University of Winnipeg. Is this not a sure evidence of the progress and prosperity of our country such as will be a pleasure to every member of this Association? What a source of pride it must be to our profession to note the advancement of hospitalism generally! Where a few years ago such an institution was scarcely known in China, there are to-day upwards of one hundred and twenty in full operation; and, again, in Tokio, Japan, there is a medical laboratory in which all drugs and patent medicines are carefully analysed and re-

ported upon before their sale in the country is permitted, What an advantage it would be to the Dominion of Canada if this Association could be the medium of the establishment of a laboratory of some description in order to lessen the indiscriminate use of the multifarious quack remedies that are scattered broadcast over our country. In this direction our Association doubtless can accomplish a good deal, and it is to be hoped the day is not far distant when Canada will be up and doing in this respect. It is said that the profession in Canada is very much overcrowded—that the system of education now being introduced will tend not only to advance the interests of its members, but at the same time reduce the numbers of those graduating. There is however, always room in the upper rungs of the ladder of fame, and with the rapid development of the country and the progress that is being made in almost every direction in the great North-West, I feel sure that our young Canadian graduates will have ample scope for years to come for the exercise of their mental powers. The good reputation of Montreal as a medical centre, Montreal as a centre of advanced education, as well as of trade and commerce, is certainly progressive. Its present is only an index to its future, inasmuch as its extending sea-port and shipping, and its rapidly developing connections east and west, cannot fail to make it a chief commercial emporium of the Dominion. Under these circumstances it is most gratifying to observe the progress of intellectual development through its greatly increased scientific and religious institutions. In assembling here, the members of our Canadian Medical Association have not failed to note those facts, inasmuch as the surroundings generally indicate advancement characteristic of the spirit of the age in which we live. In conclusion, let me wish our Society a long and prosperous life, with greatly increased usefulness.