

server and faithful recorder. He was cut down in the midst of his usefulness. He fell at the post of duty : and it was better so, for, to a temperament like his, a long sickness or a life of inactivity would have been worse than death.

“ But when we muse on all thy great heart hunger
For knowledge and for light,
How thy keen intellect was always searching
For deep things hid from sight,
We smile to think how clear is now thy vision,
Thy face—how bright.”

At the annual meeting of this Association in 1887, Dr. Graham of Toronto, in his presidential address, earnestly advocated periodical rest and change for the steadily working medical practitioner. His successor, and my immediate predecessor, feeling that advice from such a source deserved attention, took a trip in the summer of '88 to the Pacific coast, and was so impressed with the panoramic magnificence of the country through which he passed, and so strengthened and invigorated by the pure dry air of these vast plains, that when it became his duty to address the Association, he suggested, with a great deal of feeling, having the welfare of his *confrères* at heart, that Banff should be our next place of meeting : so that to these two presidents are we indebted for the trip we are now enjoying. Who can say he is disappointed ? May we not justly expect to return to our homes refreshed and strengthened in mind and body, readier than ever for the varied and onerous duties our chosen and loved profession demands of us. Yet we must not forget that these same healthful and invigorating surroundings justify us in expecting a great deal of this meeting. Such a pure, bracing atmosphere must quicken the wit, and such a rare combination of the grand and beautiful in our surroundings must stir up within us all that is eloquent and poetical. This meeting will, I hope, be characterized by good work and by brisk and fearless discussion, for, no matter where situated, the voice of the Canadian Medical Association should be heard and its influence felt throughout the whole length and breadth of our country. I hope that resolutions passed here to-day may affect legislation in the near future. It is high time our Parliaments recognized