

would confer a boon on humanity, bring honor and distinction to those doing the work, and enduring fame to the hospitals. The history of medicine is a glorious record of the unfaltering devotion of medical men in every age, and in every country to research work. These men acquired knowledge and experience in the hospital clinic and laboratory that blessed mankind, honored the workers, enriched medical literature, and advanced the science and art of medicine.

Coming to our own time it can be truly stated that at no other period in the history of Canada have young physicians had greater opportunities, or equal facilities for acquiring knowledge and for putting it to a more practical and beneficent use. Our hospitals not only accommodate a large number of patients, but they are well equipped with the appliances needed by the student in his work. It will certainly reflect discredit on the younger generation of Canadian physicians if the work done in our hospitals is not of the highest character. One of the greatest pleasures in traveling abroad is found in visiting hospitals made famous by the character, personality, and work of individual physicians and surgeons. The traditions of many of our old hospitals furnish the most interesting chapters in the history of medicine. Who amongst our young Canadians, physicians and surgeons are going to make some of our hospitals famous in ages to come?

What has been said in the preceding paragraphs naturally leads up to the questions: (1) How can the young physicians make the best use of their hospital opportunities? (2) How can they make their work most effective in aiding the hospital's reputation? The writer believes that the editors of our medical journals and the professors in our medical colleges could render medical students and the young graduates a great service by discussing these questions. Much time is wasted during the first few years of practice for want of a definite purpose in life.

The purport of this article can be best attained by giving a few general admonitions, leaving the fuller discussion of the above questions to our editors and professors. The inspirations that should govern the life and work of the young physician are simply those controlling every upright man, viz., the Christian virtues. Without integrity and nobility of character, he is bound to meet disaster sooner or later. If the honesty of his purpose be not beyond suspicion he is fatally handicapped in his work. He must be a gentleman "sans reproche." In order to deserve honor, as well as win fame for his hospital, he must be prepared to make great sacrifices. He will have to spend hours in the wards and in the laboratory every day while his confreres are busy