

before they found a resting-place. Why will woman not be content to abide within the lines where nature placed her? No one doubts her intellectual abilities, in fact when pitted against those of the other sex they have constantly proved superior. If women would limit their study and practice to certain subjects, more particularly midwifery, they would be welcomed to the profession, because it is quite noticeable that as specialism advances there is a constantly increasing desire amongst medical men to shirk the ordinary obstetrical practice. With well educated *maternity physicians*, as they might be called, having a thorough knowledge of the anatomy and physiology of the pelvic organs, and being well grounded in diagnosis and in the most approved antiseptic measures, even the general practitioner would soon feel that he had a helpmate of considerable value. I read an article the other day describing a number of cases of abdominal section performed by a Mrs. Dr. ——. To see a woman groping elbow deep among the entrails of another suffering sister must, indeed, be a harrowing sight.

Now, gentlemen, I would conclude this very desultory address by simply referring to the havoc done amongst us as a profession, during the past year, by the grim destroyer—Death. I may not recall the names of all those who, having once been members of this Association, have joined the majority, but I find missing from the roll-call Mackay of Woodstock, George Archer Tye, John Madill, and Edward Trenholme, Richard Lea MacDonnell, Thomas Anderson Rodger, Joseph Ricard, and Robert Townsend Godfrey, all of this city. Of these, the last named only can be said to have reached the limits of old age. Trenholme and Godfrey were among those who organized this Association, and the former was a very constant attendant. Tye was a most active member, having been local secretary and, later, vice-president for the Province of Ontario. MacDonnell and Rodger were both prominent at the meeting last year in Toronto, the one as reader of an important paper on “Cardiac Complications of Gonorrhœal Rheumatism,” the other as chairman of the Surgical section. These were taken from us while still in the very prime of life. Let us cherish the memory of all, and while we