

and surgeons. As Canadians we may feel proud of our country and of its physical and political excellencies, but we may rest assured that, so far as we medical men are concerned, others will estimate us by the reasonable and practical standard of our contributions to medical knowledge and by our scientific attainments. No conservative clinging to obsolete methods on the one hand, or the multiplication of weak meretricious literature on the other, can impose upon the learned in the professional world, and the sooner we create strong incentives to scientific work the sooner will the workers be forthcoming. I would here offer the suggestion that this Association take into consideration the establishment of lectureships similar to those in England and other older countries.

Of all means enumerated for the advancement of medical science, individual effort undoubtedly ranks first. Associations can teach and stimulate, but they can never supply the place of study and observation. Truth only yields her wealth to him who lays siege to her shrine. Emmerson says the hardest task in the world is to think. We try to look in the face an abstract truth, and we cannot do it. The mind swerves from the encounter, and thick darkness prevails. We return to the charge and try to force Truth from her citadel, and then in a moment, when we least expect it, a rift in the cloud comes, a ray penetrates our minds, light floods in more and more, until objects, dim at first from sudden light in dark places, become real shapes, and we gauge their dimensions and estimate their proportions with unerring exactitude. Few truths are discovered but by this laborious process, and because we evolve them slowly and often only partially by delving beneath the surface of things, it is better to labor so than not to work at all, for when the surface is broken and disturbed, others will see clearly what we only half perceive, others will perfect what we are able only to dimly outline.

It requires no prophetic eye to perceive the future greatness of Canada. Her vast extent and varied and inexhaustible natural resources everywhere abounding are such that it would seem impossible for any series of unfortunate events to stem her