

cause natural, that the student of anatomy, and we are all students, can learn by these preparations the anatomy of the brain, not only as well but much better than if we were to attempt to dissect the brain for ourselves. I hope that in time he will not only show us more of such anatomical preparations, but also more pathological preparations of the brain. Gentlemen, I know I but speak the mind of the society when I say I hope he may reap ample reward for his persevering industry. I know it is not necessary, but I must name our scientific friend, Dr. Osler. Other members of the society have also presented us with some rare pathological and anatomical specimens, to whom, on the part of the society, I return our most sincere thanks, and beg of them to persevere in their good work.

If I do not particularize any of the papers that were read before the society, it is not because that they were not highly appreciated, both by the society generally and myself in particular, but because all were so good and so full of interest that it would be impossible for me to make a choice. I feel, were I to attempt it, I would finish like the child who searched for the finest apple amongst a basket full, found he could not succeed, so shut his eyes and took the one that came to his hand, and then was content. Persevere then, gentlemen; don't get tired in so good a work, good for yourselves and good for the society.

It is with great pleasure that I have to speak of the many cases occurring in practice that have been recorded during the past year, and many of them by some of the junior members of the profession. This is a good sign, and I hope it will be persevered in. I think it is a cause for me upon which to congratulate the Society. It is a pleasure for me to have to announce to the Society an addition of fourteen new members. I regret, however, to have to announce we lost one by death, a promising young man; Dr. Park, and three have left the city, amongst whom was our scientific friend, Dr. Fuller, a gentleman that we could badly afford to lose from amongst us.

Within the year there was a committee appointed to search for a more suitable room for our meetings, in fact a room that would be our own. It is not the fault of those that compose that committee that they have not yet suc-

ceeded. I hope they will not be relieved from their duty till they do succeed, for if they cannot do the work in hand I don't know what committee could.

I hope, gentlemen, before another year that the Society will succeed in having a room, if for no other reason than the very important one that we might be in a position to accept the gift so generously offered to us by our friend and the well tried friend of the Society and the profession, Dr. Fenwick.

There are some occurrences that have taken place during my presidential year, although not immediately connected with the Society, yet I must congratulate the Society upon. First, comes the visit, to the profession generally of Montreal, of Dr. Clark, who was the attendant physician of H. R. H. the Princess Louise and our now Governor General. His interesting and practical lecture on lung disease will long be remembered by all those who had the happiness of hearing him. Nor will we soon forget the charm of his conversation the evening he spent amongst us. He did not come to us puffed up with national or political pride, he knew that it was as a medical man he gained his honors, and it was as a medical man, and that only, that he presented himself amongst us. He could afford, and had the manliness to acknowledge the high position attained by many of his confrères in Montreal. I feel that this Society owes a debt of gratitude to the members of the profession who took an active part in giving him an honorable reception; and more particularly is our thanks due to him who is now recognized as the father of the profession in Montreal, Dr. Campbell.

*Secondly.* Gentlemen, we have had our medical bill amended during the past year, and certainly not before it was wanting.

*Thirdly.* We have had the "Inspector of anatomy bill" amended, which I trust will prove a great boon to the medical schools and medical students, and prevent many scandals. It is now for those who are more particularly interested to push their vantage ground.

*Fourthly.* Gentlemen, though last not least, we have had a lunacy bill for the Province of Quebec, a bill long desired and greatly needed. This bill was obtained against most powerful opposition. It is not all that we could wish it to be, but it is a step in the right direction. Like