

“ Were a star quenched on high,  
For ages would its light  
Still travelling downward from the sky,  
Shine on our mortal sight.

“ So when a good man dies  
For years beyond our ken,  
The light he leaves behind him lies  
Upon the paths of men.”

The interest you have always shown in the Ontario Medical Library and the financial aid you have from year to year given towards the upbuilding of a working library for all the physicians of this province, leads me to mention that after the death of Dr. L. M. Sweetnam, his friend and our friend, Dr. Howard A. Kelly, of Baltimore, authorized me to select from Dr. Sweetnam's extensive library every book not already in the Ontario Medical Library, and these, to the number of about three hundred, he purchased and presented to us. He did this in order that the collection should be kept together and should form in some degree a memorial library. Dr. Kelly's action was a pleasant surprise to many who did not know him; all who have the pleasure of knowing him intimately recognized it as just another large-hearted, generous act such as he is continually doing. Dr. Osler's establishment of the Bovell Memorial Library in honor of an old teacher of his, was along the same line and may have prompted the later gift. I am glad to be able to tell you that through the generosity of the President of the Library Association, Dr. J. F. W. Ross, a catalogue of the principal works now upon our shelves is being printed and copies will shortly be sent to members of this Association. They will then be enabled to see what an extensive library has been accumulated and should remember that these books are at all times available to them without expense.

The continued presence of smallpox in Ontario, the large number of reported cases and their wide distribution are causes of regret, of alarm and of humiliation. Of regret on account of the loss of life, the direct expense and the indirect interruption of bread-winning involved; of alarm because the end of the outbreak does not seem to be as yet in sight and of humiliation because we appear to have taught the public less faithfully than our fathers did, the demonstrated fact that this disease can be controlled, and in times of epidemic can only be controlled by vaccination and revaccination. Two of the factors which increase the difficulty of stamping out smallpox undoubtedly are humbug vaccination, and a failure to make the differential diagnosis between this disease and chicken-pox. In regard to the first, let me cite the case of a girl exposed to so-called chicken-pox occurring in a man who had come here