

compared well with those read at the national medical conventions of any country.

Of the long list of presidential addresses now standing to the credit of the association, Dr. Moorehouse's stands well to the front. It touched upon the value of such gatherings to the profession; the ancient traditions that have been handed down to us, Dominion registration, medical literature, patent medicines, and the practitioner's duty to himself. On all of these topics his remarks were timely, and we feel will do good. The time is coming when we will have a national profession, and when Dominion registration will be an accomplished fact. We feel that all the provinces will yet agree to it. In the meantime, we commend what Dr. Moorehouse says on the subject. His words are along the line we have often urged, that the registration bill be so amended as to permit of its coming into force if five of the provinces agree to its terms. The others would come in as soon as they saw its good effects upon those accepting it.

On the question of patent medicines too much cannot be said. It should be made obligatory to publish the exact composition of all these preparations; and it should be made a fraudulent act to publish any testimonial that was not strictly true, or to make any claim for a preparation that could not be borne out.

Dr. A. H. Ferguson's address in surgery was all that was expected of him—a brilliant production. In a masterly way he outlined the progress that has been made and the pathway along which the leaders of the profession have travelled in effecting that progress. In well chosen phrases he also pointed out in what direction we must look for improvement in the future. The past is full of noble battles fought and won, while the future has set high before us the star of hope. His address embodied the spirit of Goethe when he said:—"Here is all fulness, ye brave, to reward you. Work and despair not."

The address in medicine by Dr. H. A. McCallum, was important for two reasons: it was able and it was on a subject to which too little attention has been paid. It is to be hoped that Dr. McCallum's address will have the effect of directing attention to the lymphatic circulation, and the role it plays in health and disease. Now that he has a position that brings much clinical material his way, we hope he will continue his studies upon this question, and that the profession will hear more from him on the lymphatic system.

The papers of Drs. Gould, McGraw, Wood, Butler and Hornibrook, though from the neighboring republic, were welcome additions to the proceedings of the association. But, after all, there is only one