

tial position in the councils of your country. Amongst your other public services you have guided and guarded all legislation referring to the medical profession in such a painstaking and careful manner that we feel the high and satisfactory position occupied by the profession to-day in Nova Scotia is due largely to your untiring real and rare good judgment. These services and those in connection with the provincial medical board are fully appreciated by medical practitioners from one end of Nova Scotia to the other.

We can hardly express how much we esteem you for the kindness and consideration always manifested to your juniors. You have ever been ready to advise and help the young practitioner beginning his professional career; and there are not a few men amongst us who can never repay their debt of gratitude.

It is also felt that the dignified position taken by you in relation to professional ethics has resulted in much benefit; and we hope that your example will be our guide in the future and will be long followed to the well-being of the public and of the profession.

We beg that you will convey to Mrs. Parker and your family the assurances of our heartfelt wishes for their continued welfare. And in conclusion we assure you of our desire that you may long be spared to enjoy in your voluntary retirement from professional duties, that repose and dignity which fitly crowns the declining years of a life so full of duties and honors.

Dr. Parker, who was visibly affected by the spontaneous and cordial greeting extended to him, read a lengthy but deeply interesting reply, in which he reviewed the history and advances of medical science in this province, recalling many well-known names of those who have passed away, reciting the difficulties under which medical men labored in those comparatively primitive times, and giving many interesting reminiscences of his laborious and busy life of fifty years as a practising physician.

In our next issue we will present our readers with Dr. Parker's reply in full.

WE have received a communication too late for this issue from Dr. McKay of Halifax, regarding an item that appeared in the last issue of the North Sydney Herald, reflecting upon the professional skill of the medical staff of the V. G. Hospital. It will appear in our next issue.

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A BON-MOT OF DR. HOLMES.—In the 'forties Dr. Holmes was one of the instructors in what was known as the Tremont Medical School, which gave instruction to quite a large number of students between the lecture terms of the Harvard Medical School. Usually prompt, we were one day surprised by his non-appearance at the beginning of the lecture-hour, but we waited. Finally he entered the room hurriedly, glanced around with a smile, and said, "Gentlemen, I know I am late, but there is a little stranger at my house." And then with an expression such as only Holmes's face could assume, he continued, "Now can any one of you tell me what well-known business firm in Boston he is like?" There was no answer. "He is Little and Brown," said the doctor with a twinkle in his eye.—*Boston Medical and Surgical Journal*.

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INTERESTING CASE.—At a recent meeting of the St. Louis Medical Society, Dr. A. H. Meisenbach reported a cholecystotomy, nine hundred and twenty-two stones being removed from the gall-bladder. Their being complete obliteration of the cystic duct, he very properly removed the entire gall-bladder, cauterizing the stump with pure carbolic acid and dropping it into the peritoneal space.—*St. Louis Clinique*.