

long ago. We have had, as already indicated, one valuable contribution from the new blood thus infused.

Lastly, with so large a membership, it is inevitable that during the course of twelve months some one or other figure well known to us should depart from our midst. Happily, during the past twelve months our loss from death has been limited to but one member, one who, although he had but recently returned and settled in Montreal, had in the brief space of his residence here showed himself a keen and active member, and devoted to his special line of work, and in that special line, a student of no small ability, so that from his contributions during the previous session both of cases and to our discussions he earned the cordial respect of all. I refer to the late Dr. W. M. Nelson, and I can but repeat the terms of the resolution forwarded to his family, that "he had by his zeal, seriousness of purpose and enthusiasm for his special line of work, impressed all with his great value as a member of this society, and gave promise of a brilliant future."

It is a source of deep satisfaction to us that year by year we have developing among us more and more men who are pursuing their special lines of surgical or medical work with enthusiasm, intelligence and a wide knowledge ; men who are not satisfied to depend upon what they have learnt, but who are studying and advancing our knowledge in their respective specialities ; such men are the salt of a society such as is ours. All the same, we can ill afford to lose even one of these from among us.