

The general practitioner takes great interest in the work of the specialist. When he goes into a modern hospital theatre while a surgical operation is being performed he beholds something which fills him with wonder and admiration. He asks: "What are these which are arrayed in white robes? and whence came they?" The master of ceremonies answers: "These are they who have discovered something 'more rational' than antiseptic surgery as practised by Lister." The general practitioner does not object to a uniform. The surgeon may wear a nightcap a mask, a nightgown, mittens and top boots in his well-equipped hospital with all sorts of new apparatus and laboratory appliances if he pleases. There is grave danger, however, that the undue exaltation of modern histrionics may overshadow the real essentials in connection with the prevention of sepsis. We want men of the Lister type to teach our students and practitioners. The wondrous charm of Lister's simplicity in his method of teaching and operating is one of the most delightful things the world has ever contemplated. Some of our shining lights nowadays, in hospitals and medical societies, appear to aim at giving exhibitions of their skill instead of imparting some practical knowledge to the everyday doctor—knowledge that will help him while working on the side lines or in the backwoods, where theatrical costumes can scarcely come into general use.

When His Majesty our late king came to Canada in 1860 he travelled from the far East as far West as our railway trains could carry him. That far West was Sarnia, in the Province of Ontario. If he had returned twenty-five years later he might have travelled more than two thousand miles further west to a beautiful town called Victoria. There are now in that great Western district populous cities and towns in all parts, well-cultivated farms, with an active, intelligent people building up one of the greatest countries in the world.

That great new country has helped this Association very materially during the last twenty years. The crowning result appeared last year when there was held in that modern, beautiful city, Winnipeg, the largest and most successful meeting our Dominion Medical Association has ever known. We slow, sleepy folk of the East respect our brethren of the West because of their ability, we admire them because of their untiring energy, we love them because of their big, warm hearts, we enjoy their generous hospitality beyond expression. We are becoming infected with something akin to their boundless enthusiasm. Especially is this the case in connection with the question of Dominion registration.

The discussion on this subject in Winnipeg was one of the best that have occurred during the last twenty years, and the address delivered by Dr. Thornton, of Deloraine, Manitoba, was one of the best our members have ever heard. He directed our attention to the national