

profession we have its chiefest stumbling-block and the strongest argument against it under existing circumstances.

The well-being of our profession in Toronto has been discussed from time to time by one who has been particularly interested in the formation of this Academy. We have benefited by his kindly encouragement, advice, and princely generosity—I refer to Professor William Osler. From him I do not hesitate to take the text with which I intend to conclude my address. This is the first presidential address delivered to the fellows of the Academy of Medicine, Toronto, and the text appears peculiarly appropriate—it is a plea for *Unity, Peace and Concord*, so necessary if we are to achieve any distinct success. If on this occasion we followed the customs of a well-known English medical society we would commemorate by name not only one but all of our benefactors, and would urge others to follow in their footsteps; we would exhort young practitioners to carry on original research, and, finally, we would beseech all the Fellows of this Academy to continue in unity, peace and concord.

Ten years ago when Lord Lister visited our city he told us that the scientific investigation in which he had been engaged for the greater part of his life had been to him an unmixed joy, and when he was able to see the results of his work his joy was increased a thousand fold. What a magnificent reward! Let us hold up these rewards before our young men to encourage them to emulate Lister and others of like aim. As an Academy we will be judged by the work we do, and let us therefore hope that the work accomplished will fulfil the most sanguine expectations of the most sanguine Fellow present.