

Pioneers of Medicine in Nova Scotia.

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MR. PRESIDENT AND GENTLEMEN.—I must, at the outset, apologize for presenting a paper on a subject which is not in accordance with the purposes of this Society. We meet to acquire fresh knowledge, something to help us in our daily work, and I am fully conscious of the fact that matters of antiquarian interest must seem stale and unprofitable.

It was my original intention to prepare a paper, giving some account of the Medical Society of Halifax, the first organization of its kind in the province of Nova Scotia, including brief biographies of prominent members, and a short sketch of society in Halifax, sixty years ago.

The chief reason which induced me to select the subject of this evening's paper was the information that the Medical Society of Nova Scotia intend to offer a prize for the best essay on "The Profession in Nova Scotia, prior to the organization of the Society in 1854."

I am informed that they were encouraged to take this step by a donation from Dr. Henry O. Marcy, of Boston, who was present at the last Annual Meeting of the Society at Antigonish, and who, I believe suggested the subject.

In view of these circumstances, I have thought it well to make available to intending competitors some of the material which I have

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