

as a father. His deep interest in the College, his matured experience as an educator, and his calm, unbiased judgment won from his associates profound esteem and respect. His loss will be keenly felt by those now on the Medical Faculty.

In closing his career as a lecturer Dr. Fowler addressed the students in medicine as follows :—

“I take this opportunity to advert to the establishment of the medical department of Queen’s University, the more so as I alone remain of those who took part in its foundation forty-six years ago.

“It is very remarkable, almost incredible that the establishment of a medical school here in connection with the university was due to intolerable bigotry—not here by any means—but in the queen city of the west. Certain students, whose names I will read you from the first calendar (the only copy now extant I now hold in my hand) were informed that they could not obtain the degree of doctor of medicine unless they conformed to religious tests which were distasteful to them. These gentlemen petitioned us to establish a college in Kingston which would be open to all on the same terms. Their names were: Daniel Chambers, Robert Douglass, Samuel Dunbar, Weston L. Herriman, William Hillier, John F. Mercer, William S. Scott, H. W. Spafford. That there should have been such bigotry in Toronto fifteen years after Queen’s was established may appear to some of you incredible but such was the fact.

“A correspondence was opened up with these gentlemen by the late Dr. Stewart, and the result was the formation of the medical faculty, of Queen’s. The faculty consisted of Dr. Sampson, Dr. Stewart, Dr. J. R. Dickson, Dr. Horatio Yates, Dr. William Hayward, and myself.

“I remember well my first meeting with Dr. Stewart in the summer of 1854, a few weeks after my arrival from Scotland. He stopped me on the street without the formality of an introduction, and said: ‘You are the man I want’; and clapping me on the shoulders, he continued: ‘I want you to take the chair of materia medica in Queen’s college medical faculty.’ I answered: ‘Will the university appoint me?’ I was unused to this sudden mode of university appointment. He emphatically answered: ‘I, John Stewart, appoint you. The college will do as I say