

He was as well known in Vienna as in Montreal, in the one place a learner, in the other a teacher, teaching by his work with his patients, not by handing out theories to his students.

A simple character is always the most perplexing. That is why we find it hard to make clear that Dr. Stewart was sober, yet not sombre; shy and retiring, yet no recluse; himself without wittiness, yet the cause of merriment in others. The grasp of his hand, and the gaze of his steady eyes were more eloquent than any speech. His touch upon one's shoulder was more affectionate than an embrace. Still more curious, it is when members of the profession meet together to make merry that he is most missed. His spring of humour was small, yet it came from a great depth; and wherever he was there was a feeling of trust, of good nature, and all things which are friendly to good feeling.

We are not pretending that Dr. Stewart was a universal genius, or even a genius of any kind. He would have smiled a contradiction, had anyone made so silly a statement in his hearing. His capacity for organization was not high, nor was his judgment of either men or affairs very good. His initiative was small, and his counsels were always in favour of retaining the thing which had been. Nor did he interest himself much in matters which lay outside of medicine, in books, in men, or in women. For one who so ardently desired peace and quiet he had a strange liking for histories of war and accounts of battles. Few men were better informed upon the wars of the past century. The only public capacity in which he figured was as President of St. Andrew's Society, and even that rôle was not much to his liking.

A Resolution passed at a meeting of the Medical Faculty of McGill University, Monday, October 8th, 1906, is an earnest of the high esteem in which he was held by his colleagues who knew him best.

"RESOLVED, That the Members of the Medical Faculty of McGill University desire to record their sense of the deep loss which they have sustained in the death of their esteemed colleague and friend, Dr. James Stewart, Professor of Medicine and Clinical Medicine.