

indefatigable in his labour and unsparing of himself. His career in Halifax was brief, in fact, after years of preparation he might be said to have just entered upon it, and with the limited means at his disposal, and the increasing public duties he was called upon to perform, he was unable to give much time to original work; but the cultivated mind of the student, the instinct of the investigator, and the capacity of the teacher, were so obvious that no one in frequent contact with him could doubt the future that lay before him.

Little did we think some few months ago, when he was temporarily released from his duties in the Medical College and the Provincial Laboratory, that the end was so near. And his colleagues who so spontaneously presented him with an address and testimonial at that time, must feel a gratification tinged with sadness that they did not miss the opportunity of showing him the esteem in which they held him. He was deeply affected by the evidence of their goodwill, and we have reason to know it was a source of happy recollection to him.

It is good for us as a profession to occasionally pause for a moment in our struggle for existence, wealth or fame, and to inquire if with all our success we can hope to leave a record so clean and free from the stain of common human failings, as either William Muir or Andrew Halliday. Muir was the busy, bustling practitioner, with grand physique, fine health, and full of boisterous life, withal kind and gentle as a woman, a loyal friend, and if perchance a foe, an honourable foe. Halliday, endowed with feebler frame, and less robust health, and an almost diffident manner, was gifted with great natural talent and indomitable industry—the type of the gentle student. Each in his sphere represented what is best in medical life.

With the prospect of employment in the Provincial Laboratory and in the Halifax Medical College, Dr. Halliday had spent a year recently at Glasgow University, giving careful and constant study to subjects relating to the public health. In his classes he was *facile princeps*, and he took his diploma in Public Health at the University of Durham with high distinction.

His capabilities as a bacteriologist and analyst were so quickly recognized by medical men and municipal authorities throughout Nova Scotia, that shortly after his appointment he became overwhelmed with work—samples and specimens to be examined poured in on him from all directions. He was generally accepted as an authority, and his work was proportionately large and responsible,