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Original Communications.

SIR JAMES GRANT'S REPLY TO THE TOAST OF THE CANADIAN MEDICAL ASSOCIATION.

Mr. President and Gentlemen,—I thank you for the opportunity of making a few observations on the Canadian Medical Association and the various points incidentally allied with our profession in the great march of progress at the present time. The subjects of our medical curriculum and the change to five years of study, as well as the advanced matriculation examination, appear to be very acceptable to the members of the medical profession and the colleges generally. What we now require is one central authority from which degrees in medicine and surgery can be obtained by the passing of a thorough uniform medical examination for the whole Dominion. At present it is not in keeping with the best interests of the profession in Canada to set one province up against the other. This whole subject, if brought under the attention of the proper authorities, will in time be rectified, and thus much good accomplished. By the British North America Act educational matters are under the control of the several provinces. This will require a change so far as our profession is concerned, and sure-

ly what is identical with the dearest interests of our common country will not be refused. It is now twenty-four years since this Medical Association was organized, and during that period its ebb and flow has been more or less spasmodic, and why so, it is difficult to define. This Montreal meeting is certainly most successful, there being quite a large attendance, members being here from the Atlantic and Pacific Provinces, as well as from many intermediate points. The papers read were of a most practical character, and the demonstrations at the hospitals point out in the most undoubted manner that medical science in Canada is keeping pace with that of the outside world. I am confident the President of the Royal College of Surgeons, Mr. Bryant, who is with us to-day, will carry back to England a most favourable impression of our medical schools and our hospitals. Such gatherings as the present cannot fail to be productive of benefit. The intellectual friction resulting from the comingling of ideas and exchanging of sentiments, in the discussion of the various papers brought before the Association, must result in much good to our profession. Attendance at these Association meetings is a duty the members of the medical profession owe to their constituents; by coming here they see the evidence of the pro-