

nal advice, found in him a real friend and a wise and frank counsellor. He was scrupulously punctual in all his engagements. We all knew that both in his class hours and those of his hospital visits we should lose no time in waiting for his appearance, and I doubt not that the good example thus given us by him proved fruitful in after years. Of all the qualities desirable in a medical practitioner, as, indeed, in any other member of society, none is more laudable, or more important, than punctuality in carrying out appointments. When this practice passes onward into habit, as it is in time sure to do, and when it is combined with general good order, as it was in an eminent degree in Dr. Holmes, it is sure in the end to command general respect, and to win that public reliance which more brilliant qualities, unassociated with it, often fail to secure or to retain. Of Dr. Holmes, as an honored member of society and an exemplary Christian man, eulogy, within this city, would be but intrusive supererogation. Nothing that is truly good can die. Goodness is as immortal as its Divine Author; and though men die, their good deeds live after them, and often prove abundantly reproductive. So has it been, I believe, with Dr. Holmes; and what better proof of the fact need I seek for than my present surroundings.

In reserving the name of Dr. Caldwell for the last place in this commemoration, I desire not to be understood as ascribing to him any inferior rank in the noble band of pioneers, but as he was called from life before the school had made much promising advance; and, indeed, before I took up the course of practice of medicine, I am unable to speak of his merits as a lecturer, unless in so far as I derived my information from other students, and especially from his private pupils, in whose number my lamented friend the late Dr. David was a devoted admirer, who never failed to manifest his high appreciation of the abilities and the personal worth of Dr. Caldwell. One thing was well known to us all, and that was, that Dr. Caldwell was a high-minded, polished gentleman; and I can add, for I well know the fact, that he earnestly co-operated with his colleagues in the arduous work of founding this school, and of fostering it in its struggling infancy.