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To mention the name of Dr. Shakespeare is but to present to mental vision the author of that classical work on cholera, which has supplied us with so comprehensive an outline of the conditions which have governed in the past, and still are largely present in outbreaks of this scourge of former times. I can well recall Dr. Shakespeare, as he labored at quarantine on the Delaware, associated with state and municipal officers, in 1892, to protect his city and country against the threatened invasion of this disease. Since then his kind and genial presence was with us at our meeting, in Philadelphia, in 1897. His demise has seemed sudden to many who knew nothing of his illness, till his death was chronicled on June 1st.

Of Dr. Coulthard, the Secretary of the Provincial Board of Health, New Brunswick, it may be said that all who have known him during the past five years, during which he has regularly attended the meetings of the association, will retain a recollection of him as a gentlemanly but retiring man, but who proved on acquaintance a genial friend and an enthusiastic officer of health. His work was well known and appreciated in his own province, while his activities as a physician and citizen in Fredericton were spoken of most favorably by the local press. In him the public health service in Canada loses an active and conscientious worker, and this association a loyal member.

Of others who have passed away the association has had less opportunity of learning their worth. The positions, however, which they have held in their own state and city have marked them as active workers in the field of public medicine, and they have passed *magna cum laude* to their rest with the honored dead.

But while I recall the memory of our dead I take this opportunity of expressing, as their official mouthpiece, the sense of pleasure at which the members of this association may fairly indulge in, as they find themselves greeted by the living representatives of this beautiful city, in a state in what is rapidly becoming to us the older West. I am not exactly informed as to just at what age an American state attains its majority ; but I take it that any state that has presented a president to the nation—and such a president as Benjamin Harrison—must be looked upon as having arrived at years of full maturity. The association trusts, however, that even a mature state may still find something of value to be obtained from having its sessions held in its capital city, and in return its members hope to bear away with them memories, not only of kindly welcome and generous entertainment, but also of evidences of the application of science to public health problems in a manner often more easily carried out than