

in all good works. His greatest delight was to participate in discussion destined to promote correct views about, and legislation upon, public health and state medicine. A very noble, whole-souled gentleman, whose best thoughts and much of whose time were devoted to the good of his fellow-man. Dr. Henry Howard, that kindly and gentle physician—retiring, thoughtful, and given to abstruse metaphysical enquiries, the best years of whose life were given to the study of mental disease and to the care of the mentally-afflicted. He it was who had the manliness to condemn flagrant abuses in some of our public institutions, and, at the risk of his official position, to call upon a timid government to correct them. For this alone, if for nothing else, his country owes his memory a debt of gratitude. Amongst others, I may mention Dr. Richard Zimmerman, for some time an official of the Association and one of its warmest friends; Dr. John H. McCollom, Dr. W. N. Woodill, and Dr. Brouse, worthy gentlemen all, who worthily served their generation, each in his separate sphere, and reflected credit upon the high calling of the physician.

You have, gentlemen, many and important subjects to engage your attention. I trust that this Ottawa meeting, this coming-of-age meeting, may long be remembered as one at which some good scientific work was done, and something accomplished towards forwarding the general interests of the profession, promoting its dignity, and elevating it in the estimation of the public.

In closing, I should like to say that it is always a great pleasure at these meetings to receive some of our *confrères* from across the line. As members of a sister Association, we give them a hearty welcome, and are glad to have them participate in all our proceedings. Without prejudice to the political leanings of any one, I am sure I express the views of all when I say that in international visiting and in scientific discussion, all we desire is the most absolute "unrestricted reciprocity," and I am equally certain, from what I know of their hospitable character, that our American cousins are correspondingly pleased when we "retaliate" by joining the meetings of the American Association.