

Gentlemen of the Canada Medical Association,—We have assembled here for very important purposes, the eyes of the community at large are upon us; watching, cheering and guiding us along, in the performance of duty. At best we have only a few short years before us, and in the multiplicity and diversity of work, a single life can accomplish but little. Let that little be well done, keeping steadily before us the remarkable and striking aphorism of Hippocrates, which has been paraphrased by one of our greatest lyrics:—

“Art is long and time is fleeting;
And our hearts, though stout and brave,
Still like muffled drums are beating
Funeral marches to the grave.”
