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AUG. 12TH, 13TH AND 14TH, 1889.

By H. P. WRIGHT, M.D.,
President of the Association.

Gentlemen of the Canadian Medical Association :

Contrary to the usual custom on such occasions as these, I will ask you to share with me a few moments to consider the loss the country, the profession, and the Canadian Medical Association have this year sustained in the death of Dr. Robt. Palmer Howard. My reasons for alluding to this sad circumstance in the very earliest stage of my remarks are, because of the long standing and deep-seated affection I feel towards my teacher, my friend, and my ideal physician, and because of the prominent position he held in this Association and the feeling of admiration entertained towards him by its every member. I wish, indeed, I felt equal to the task of doing justice to such a theme as the one I have now before me, but any attempt of mine must fall so far short of even mediocrity, that I shall only try to outline some of the principal events of his active and exemplary career. He spent a portion of his youth in the city which has been my home for the past twenty-three years, and those who recollect him describe him tersely as having been upright, energetic, and studious. These are the traits which characterized his youth and which dwelt in the memories of those who knew him nearly