

you are retiring from the professional duties of the chair which you have so long adorned, you are to remain among us, actively participating, as heretofore, in daily practice, and in all else that pertains to the advancement and welfare of Medicine and her devotees. *Vive valeque atque salve, et quem eors, dierum cunque dabrit, luero appone!*

Dr. E. E. King made the presentation of the silver.

Dr. Wright, in reply, gave a fine account of the advances made by medicine during the years he has been engaged in active practice. He said he graduated in 1873. He spoke of the leading events in the history of medicine, mentioning the schools founded by Herophilus, Erisistraters, and the Alexandrian. After referring to the present medical faculty of the University of Toronto, he expressed his deep thanks for the honor done him.

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## MEDICAL PREPARATIONS, ETC.

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### BOVRIL.

In cases where the patient remains obstinately too thin, in spite perhaps of the ingestion of large quantities of "nutritious diet," we are faced with an urgent problem, especially when we find that the food induces dyspepsia, and thus sets up a vicious circle which it is hard to break. Preparations such as cod liver oil are apt to be resented by the alimentary tract, and many which are not nauseous are too bland and insipid to induce an adequate digestive reaction. But, as Dr. Osler and many others have insisted, the key to the treatment of phthisis and many other diseases, is the state of the alimentary canal, and we are frequently liable to find ourselves in an impasse when forced feeding causes the alimentary canal to be a barrier instead of a gateway.

In these circumstances a solution of the difficulty is found in the results of the new researches on Bovril. It has been shown that here we have a nutrient, indeed, something more than a nutrient, which promotes or compels the absorption of other foods.

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