

some seem incapable of appreciating the philosophic mind, the great learning, and the immense scientific research of this eminent teacher, yet we know that the medical men of this country are not behind those of other parts of the world in recognizing the great debt of obligation which surgery owes to Lister, even apart from the vexed question of carbolic acid, because of the extent to which his example and success have led to greater care and more minute attention in the dressing of all wounds. Let us also of Canada give, without grudge, the meed of praise and honor to one who has been received with plaudits and acclamations by the assembled surgeons both of the old world and the new. We wonder if it occurred to any one else that it was *immodest* on the part of Lister to lecture at Philadelphia or to give a demonstration at Amsterdam! or that it was modesty alone which kept John Hilton from following a similar course! Then these *young students* who are indoctrinated by this misleading teacher—who are made to have “visionary views of external influences through air germs”—who are they? They are composed chiefly from amongst the best and most advanced surgeons of Great Britain, Europe and America—many of them already ripe in experience, but not too proud to learn of one who can show them reason for what he recommends and success from certain methods. We do not desire to say more. We regret that such expressions, conveying, as they do, uncalled-for disrespect to one of the ablest living scientists, should be found in a document laid before our Canadian Association. Lack of time at the meeting prevented the reading of the report, otherwise, we doubt not, this would then have received attention, and we should not have found it necessary to make this disclaimer.

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