

Surgery, was born. In the chronology of our craft, time is divided into: Before and After Lister."

Lister, like Hunter, united in himself the pathologist and the surgeon, and, like him, worked on the lines of experimental pathology.

PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS.

On the evening of the first day, in the Arts' Museum, Dr. Francis J. Shepherd, of Montreal, delivered the Annual Presidential Address. After welcoming the members, Dr. Shepherd spoke of the Dominion Registration Bill which has been so ably pushed through, in the face of many obstacles, by Dr. T. G. Roddick, and expressed the hope that no one Province would decline to act in accord with the almost universal desire to see the Bill finally made law. After a brief résumé of medical progress the speaker entered a protest against the freedom with which syphilitics are allowed to mingle with the community at large, often causing the innocent to suffer more than the guilty. "It is time," said Dr. Shepherd, "that the profession took this subject up and educated the public to a better knowledge of sanitary laws." Passing on to the subject of modern laboratory teaching, the president said, after referring to the large sums of money that had been spent on the erection and endowment of laboratories for the encouragement of research work, "One danger of this great multiplication of laboratories is that it induces men to pursue original investigation who have not the true scientific spirit, and who are utterly unfit for such work. They frequently collect and publish a mass of useless and undigested material, and therefrom draw inaccurate conclusions. All this will not redound to the credit of medical science; "but" continued Dr. Shepherd, "I do not wish it to be inferred that I am opposed to the addition of modern laboratories to our medical schools; they are all necessary, but they must not supplant other work, quite as important to a man who wishes to become a practicing physician or surgeon. Again, we must remember that the Millenium will not be brought about by laboratories, nor will all scientific problems be solved by them. There is one laboratory