

"We are thankful for the enlarged opportunities which will come to our professors and students, and we congratulate the community upon the material advantages certain to arise from the work carried on within its walls.

"On behalf of the faculty of medicine, Mr. Chancellor, I beg that you request his honor the lieutenant-governor to lay the corner stone and to use this trowel for the purpose."

Sir Sandford Fleming then presented the lieutenant-governor with a handsome silver trowel, and his honor proceeded to the corner stone, which was soon set in position and declared by him well and truly laid. Upon this stone was this inscription: "This stone was laid by William Mortimer Clark, lieutenant-governor of Ontario, April 24th, 1907."

LIEUT.-GOVERNOR'S REPLY.

The lieutenant-governor was then escorted to the front of the platform, from which he addressed the large crowd of spectators. In opening he stated that he considered it a great honor to have his name connected with the laying of the corner-stone of the laboratories building. He would always look back with pleasure upon the present occasion, and the trowel which had been presented to him he would ever keep with pride to hand down to his family.

He had, since his early manhood, taken a deep interest in the profession of medical science. This interest had commenced when he was a student in Edinburgh studying law over 50 years ago.. He was at this time connected with a firm which conducted the business of the Royal College of Surgeons, and he reminded his hearers that at this time the college was but recently separated from the wealthy corporation of the barber-chirurgeons. It was one of his duties during this time, extending over a period of three years, to attend all the oral examinations conducted by the college, and thus he overheard this portion of the examinations.

One of the things that had impressed him at that time in connection with the profession was its somewhat indefinite knowledge of the causes and cures for disease, and he confessed that on this account he had still a vague apprehension. However, one cannot but be impressed by the progress in the