

who have borne so nobly the burden of organizing this magnificent society. I have witnessed the efforts of our founders with profound admiration. I have watched their zeal, their devotion, their untiring energy, with a feeling of wonder. I have viewed their boundless enthusiasm, their wondrous capacities for work, and their unselfish devotion to each other and our common cause with perfect delight. In addition it gives me great pleasure to refer to the dignified bearing of our councillors under somewhat trying circumstances. I know of no act on our part that will ever bring a blush of shame to any of our members. It appears to me that our prospects were never brighter than they are to-day. The object of our association, "the cultivation and promotion of knowledge in whatever relates to abdominal surgery, obstetrics and gynecology," is ever kept in view by one and all, and the results in three short years, the evidence of which may be found in the three volumes of our transactions, will inspire us with confidence and fill us with hope in the future.

"Let it be our duty as well as our pleasure to worthily continue the work which has been so auspiciously begun. Let envy, hatred and all uncharitableness toward other societies be ever kept far from us. Let us forget the indignities which have been heaped upon us. Let our memories of the past pertaining to our own work ever remain as pleasant as they are to-day."

Has the society realized the somewhat lofty expectations thus expressed? It would seem not unprofitable to consider some of the features of the meeting held at Cincinnati. One noticed very soon that the "old guard," the founders, are still on deck and ever ready for action. Among the founders present were Potter, Price, Carstens, Hill, McMurtry, Reed, Taylor and others. The able and active secretary has a genius for organization and executive work, and looks quite as young as he did fifteen years ago. McMurtry, Reed, Price, and Carstens show no signs of getting old, they are as vigorous, keen and alert in debate as ever. Among others present were a number who joined shortly after the organization of the society and are still active members, such as Ross, Hall, Longyear, Murphy, Morris, Ricketts, Zinke, Hayd, etc.

We learn that others of the founders and members had