

universal honor and gratitude, that I might conclude my felicitations by referring to another point, which perhaps some of you may not as yet fully appreciate—and, that is, the influence for professional progress exerted by Edinburgh medical graduates not upon the Dominion of Canada merely, but upon the United States.

The earliest Canadian physicians and surgeons were, of course, almost without exception, graduates of British universities, notably of Edinburgh, though often resorting to the United States for their final degree after obtaining their earlier instructions at McGill, Laval, or Toronto, almost invariably were aided towards the choice of their profession by the advice and frequently preliminary office and clinical oversight of Edinburgh men. Beside this, the influence of the Canadian medical press must not be forgotten. Many years ago, as responsible editor of the *Journal of the Gynaecological Society of Boston*, I chanced to be president of the Association of American Medical Journals. Of the some forty publications comprising this organization, several were Canadian. Through these several causes, a great number of the younger Canadian physicians with Edinburgh leanings have settled in the States, without exception becoming recognized as most worthy accessions, and acquiring proportionate influence.

In the old days before it became the vogue for all American practitioners to visit Europe, the young to complete their so-called education, and the older men to review and extend their knowledge through post-graduate instruction, handicapped as they almost all have been, and are, by absolute ignorance or but imperfect knowledge of the language they would have to hear upon the continent, it was the habit of many of our very best to go to Great Britain, and mostly to the renowned Scottish school. The effect of it all has been very pronounced towards creating that high standard of professional attainment, in the States American as well as States Canadian, which is constantly advancing, and will continue to improve until the coming of that perfect day when professional ignorance will have become unknown, all malpractice of whatever nature have ceased, and conservative medicine and surgery, of the very highest type, have become universal.

To myself it would seem, judging from my professional associates in this Edinburgh Club, that our organization, if equally proficient in all its other departments of science and education, must prove of the highest advantage and satisfaction to its members, and conduce to the continued renown and progressive welfare of our great university.

My best wishes for all.

Sincerely yours,

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