

Let any of you pass through that enormous extent of fertile country traversed by our transcontinental railroad and observe the villages and towns springing up like magic from one end of it to the other—let him take note of the solid settlement of large areas even away from the beaten track of the railway—let him step off at any station and, more likely than not, he will meet some young *confrère* who is quietly located there and is growing up with the healthy growth of the town or the country-district. The important mines in various parts, the advancing railways, the great ranching posts, require the services of still more medical men, and in connection with some of these are to be found positions of trust and value unsurpassed in the Dominion. In this way can be accounted for a large number of the graduates from the Eastern schools, and it is pleasant to find good opportunities thus opening out for Canadian doctors in their own country.

It is my melancholy duty to have to refer to some distinguished members of our Association who have been called away from amongst us during the past year. Of these, two were from the roll of our former Presidents, viz., Dr. Marsden of Quebec, and Dr. Botsford of St. John, N.B., both original founders, regular attendants, and well worthy of the high honor bestowed upon them. Dr. Marsden was a man of strong individuality and remarkable tenacity of purpose. Taking a lively interest in the affairs of this Association, his opinion and assistance was much valued on account of his long experience and intimate acquaintance with all matters pertaining to the medical profession. His outspoken expressions, and his example of unswerving loyalty to the best interests of the profession, made him a prominent figure at many meetings. An old man of keen intellect and without garrulity, full of anecdotes concerning a now fast-fading generation, Dr. Marsden will long be missed by those who had the good fortune to be intimate with him. Everyone will remember the massive form and fine head of our late friend, Dr. Le Baron Botsford. One of our founders, and imbued with a lively faith in the possibilities for good of this Association, he was always one of the genuine workers, and was eager to assist