

## ORIGINAL CONTRIBUTIONS.

## IN MEMORIAM OF DR. J. F. W. ROSS.

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## THE PRESIDENT'S REMARKS ON THE LATE DR. J. F. W. ROSS.

THE President, Dr. N. A. Powell, said that even before his graduation Dr. Ross became keenly interested in what was being done in our medical societies. Himself a logical reasoner and a clear and forcible speaker, he was at the same time one of the best of listeners. His earlier work was done in the Toronto Medical and the Pathological Societies. Later he was one of the most efficient members of the Clinical Society. On the suggestion of the present speaker and at the request of Dr. Albert Vander Veer, of Albany, he became a member of the American Association of Gynaecologists and Obstetricians, and in the transactions of this society many of his most valuable papers will be found.

When the Ontario Medical Library Association was formed his name appeared as a charter member, and in its work his interest never flagged. By making a large deposit with the library of the surgeon-general's office at Washington he made it possible for any physician in Ontario to obtain the treasures of that vast collection—now numbering 176,000 vols.—at the cost only of transportation of the books desired.

Elected president of the Ontario Medical Association, he set a new example to all of us by showing what a genius for organization could do when coupled with energy and tact such as he possessed.

When the British Medical Association met here he was appointed treasurer, and so well did he manage the financial end of that great meeting that at its close all claims were promptly met, and a thousand dollars remained as a surplus.

Above all these activities, however, must rank what he did in bringing together the four medical societies of our city and in evolving from them the Academy of Medicine.

The way for this movement was prepared by the late Dr. J. E. Graham, of beloved memory, who did more than any man before or since his time to blot out the differences which formerly split the profession in Toronto into cliques and antagonistic organizations. Many had talked of the desirability of union, many also worked to bring it about, but to Dr. Ross was given the admitted leadership which made it an accomplished fact. How strenuous were his exertions and how great