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“In the olden days of Aesculapius and Hippocrates a medical school was a very simple affair, consisting of a professor, a student and a grove of trees. For thousands of years conditions almost as primitive as these surrounded medical education, and during all this period little or no progress was made in the art and science of medicine. It is only in our day that medicine has come to its own and seeks to erect its altars within temples specially designed and dedicated to the mysteries of its art. Within the past twenty-five years the well-known wonderful development of medicine has had its origin in laboratories attached to medical schools and hospitals. In these and in the processes by which results have been achieved the public has taken little interest, though it has already enjoyed untold benefits.

“It is the duty and the business of this as of other medical schools to give to the public the best educated practitioners in every department of medicine, and so to increase our knowledge as to render the profession constantly more and more efficient, but it is equally the duty of the public to provide the needed facilities for making it possible to obtain the best men for the prosecution of original research so that the school may render its best service to the community.

“It must now be admitted that the fees paid by medical students can never again be sufficient to maintain a medical school in a high degree of efficiency. For many years, here as elsewhere, the medical student has paid his way with fees enormously greater than those of arts, science, divinity or law, for whose benefit endowments, scholarships and government grants have been always available. Yet the medical graduate is surely of as much value as the graduate in science.

“Happily, in this province, the government now recognizes its duty, and during the last three years money has been voted for the improvement of medical education. A year ago the sum of \$50,000 was granted to the medical faculty of Queen's University for this purpose, and the greatest need being for laboratories, it was decided to erect this medical laboratories building.