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The annual meeting of the Canadian Medical Association was held <sup>this year</sup> here in <sup>in the discussions</sup>  
 September 12<sup>th</sup> - 13<sup>th</sup> and in its proceedings he gave an address ~~and~~  
 and responded at the dinner to the toast of the local profession  
 the consequence of ~~participating in raising a discussion~~ <sup>annual</sup> ~~topic~~ <sup>subject</sup>  
 the view of ensuring the publication ~~of each year of the~~ <sup>Transactions</sup> to  
 Journal a discussion which had the ~~of the association~~, ~~The suggestion~~ ~~has~~ the customary sequel of such  
 a suggestion, ~~for~~ ~~he~~ was promptly appointed secretary of  
 a committee consisting of David, Robillard, Howard and Campbell ~~and~~  
 further ~~to~~ ~~be~~ ~~done~~ <sup>and</sup> in this regard, ~~which~~ <sup>the</sup> volume of transactions  
 which appeared the following year, ~~plus~~ <sup>plus in</sup> ~~the~~ <sup>handbook</sup> ~~of~~ <sup>the</sup> kind  
<sup>in this case</sup> ~~which~~ ~~was~~ ~~done~~ <sup>which</sup> ~~was~~ ~~done~~ <sup>was</sup> ~~done~~ <sup>done</sup> in direct ratio to the  
 which amounted to being chairman as well <sup>in</sup> ~~with~~ his withdrawal the next year the  
 records of the secretary, ~~and~~ ~~with~~ his withdrawal the next year the  
 Transactions promptly ceased.

Can. Med. & Surg. Journ. 1877. vii p. 204 et seq 3

as Registrar of the School,

On October 1st

School

he delivered

at Oct. 1st 1877

(at the opening of the session of 1877-8 Prof. Osler was selected

to deliver the Introductory Address in which he explained the several changes, their purport and the advantages to be derived.

the spirit of purpose and advance.\*

Some of the paragraphs which

has' Palin (acc. to his intend are merely an accumulation which may be quoted on 'a way of life'

"The science and art of medicine is progressive; therefore colleges and teaching bodies, representing as they do the embodiment of it, must progress with it. Not only must the result of practical and scientific labour in the different departments be incorporated in the lectures, so that in every subject the teaching may keep pace with the times, but new and better methods of instruction and examinations must be adopted, and many other improvements made which shall be for the benefit of the student. It is probable that the next decade will see radical changes in the modes of tuition, while practical work will be introduced more and more largely into every department. With all beneficial reform the Medical Faculty of McGill University will sympathize, asking her students to participate therein, believing not in stereotyped forms but in steady onward progress."

This lecture was probably the first formal public address by Osler. It is typical throughout, truly Oslerian in character, even to a quotation from Sir Thomas Browne. It could be read with advantage by every student at the present day and should be incorporated in any collection of his works. In it he records the secret of his success through life.\*

"..... And now let me add a word of advice on the method of studying. The secret of successful working lies in the systematic arrangement of what you have to do, and in the methodical performance of it. With all of you this is possible, for few disturbing elements exist in the student's life to interrupt the allotted duty which each hour of the day should possess. Make out, each one for yourselves, a time-table, with the hours of lecture, study and recreation, and follow closely and conscientiously the programme there indicated, I know of no better way to accomplish a large amount of work, and it saves the mental worry and anxiety which will surely haunt you if your tasks are done in an irregular and desultory way."