

of this Association that to it honours have not come with years. The success of such an organization as this can be gauged only by the influence which it exerts and by the gradual lengthening of its roll of members. It is true that occasionally the meetings are held at a considerable distance from the great centres, when the attendance might reasonably be expected to fall below the average; but it has been most noticeable that the last half-dozen meetings held in so-called Central Canada have been sparsely attended, and have been generally characterized by a lack of interest, which, to say the least, is disheartening to those whose desire it has been to make this a national association. I am aware that the explanation usually offered for this condition of general debility in the parent organization is the rapid and vigorous growth of the provincial associations, noticeably that of Ontario; but I fail to find in this a good and sufficient reason. Why has the British Medical Association not shown symptoms of decay because some of its branches have grown to almost unwieldy proportions? Can anyone suggest a stimulant that will infuse new life into this decrepit body of ours? Are we meeting too frequently? In answer to the last question, I am aware there has long been a feeling, especially among the profession in the Maritime Provinces, that our plan of meeting annually is a mistake. The reason for this contention on their part is not difficult to see, when we consider the vast extent of the country and the infrequent meetings held in their vicinity. Those living in the far western limits of the Dominion will have even greater reason to complain. It is a question whether the influence and usefulness of this Association would not be materially increased if the meetings were held *triennially* in some central city, as in the Capital itself. If this scheme were adopted the policy should be to encourage the growth of county and provincial associations, from which delegates would be drafted in large numbers to the federal body. Then the Dominion Medical Association would of necessity become eminently representative, and its deliberations, especially on questions of Education and State Medicine, would certainly carry more weight than at present. If this plan were decided upon the meetings could be