

and in accord with our ideas of what is most suitable to our special conditions. Thus the organization has extended to the affiliation of provincial associations and further, to some extent, to the medical societies within the provinces, although in the case of the latter it has not yet been carried out to any great extent, much as there is to be said in its favor and much as it is to be hoped for.

That the method of organization is yet complete and final, no one would for a moment suggest; on the contrary, one would only expect that time and experience would cause changes to be made from time to time to adjust the Constitution according to the general view. I would therefore urge that we exhibit patience and forbearance in the matter of development of organization; changes which are made should apply equally, as far as possible, to all parts of the country. My view is that the plan of organization in a general way is most suitable and appropriate and that it is in the best interest of all for the provincial associations to be affiliated with the central national society.

As the Association is the national medical society of Canada so are the provincial societies the natural representatives of the provinces and bear a similar relationship, and I cannot conceive of any organization so national and suitable as that in which the provincial associations are affiliated with the national. There can hardly be a more workable method of obtaining views of medical men all over the country, nor of considering or carrying forward any general measure initiated in a provincial association. The affiliation has a broadening and educative tendency which cannot be overlooked. As I heard someone say not long ago, "*Wir lernen von ihnen, sie lernen von uns.*" It would seem highly desirable that the connecting link be firm and close in sympathy and light and flexible in its organic connection. The great strength of the British Empire is its sentiment, which holds all its parts firmly together with a certain amount of common interest, and so it should be with our medical societies.

It is desirable to eliminate all that is unnecessary in organization, and as far as possible all that may prove irritating or objectionable, and in this connection it would seem desirable that when it appears to any of the provincial associations that some modification is needed, by all means it should be brought forward, thoroughly discussed, and adjusted to the satisfaction of all.