

should manifest a greater interest in the association by courteous treatment of the latter in responding to communications promptly, by holding regular meetings and keeping the Association informed as to their activities by attempting to enroll all the practitioners within their precincts and by the careful selection of officers to conduct their internal affairs and judicious appointment of delegates to the general purposes committee of the Association. Co-operation is the chief essential to success and the spirit of cohesion must prevail.

For the Association to take its proper place in this scheme of affiliation and co-operation it is necessary that business-like methods should be adopted. A central office, located in Toronto, is the first great need and the second is adequate secretarial assistance. It might be taken as read that funds are required and at present these are inadequate if the work of the Association is to be enlarged and carried on satisfactorily.

Membership, which is now continuous, includes the names of nearly one thousand practitioners throughout the province and it is hoped that in due time two thousand more will be added. Increased membership means increased funds, sufficient to meet the demands. In the meantime it seems necessary to effect an increase of funds by special means and in order to bridge over a gap of a few years and acting in accordance with the wishes of the general membership of the Association at its last annual meeting the Executive have instituted a campaign towards the establishment of a guarantee fund covering a period of three years. To this end members are being solicited to subscribe the sum of ten dollars per year for that period, and it is hoped that a great many will avail themselves of the opportunity of contributing in this way to the establishment of an effective and permanent organization.

The subject of a journal for the Association has been under discussion and what appears to be a very favourable offer in this regard has been received from the Macmillan Publishing Company. The offer, which does not place any financial obligation upon the Association, has been accepted by the members, and it is hoped that the establishment of this means of communication amongst them will do much to further the organization and to consolidate the affiliation of the Association with the local societies. Further it may reasonably be anticipated that the value of medical literature in Ontario will be considerably enhanced.

During the year the Association has suffered the loss of many of its friends. Less than a year ago it was rumored that Sir William Osler would likely be here about the time of our next meeting and it was hoped that he might be induced to favor his many friends in the medical profession of Ontario by being present with us. Alas, time's relentless in