

existence of the Society upon at least two occasions. One of these was when a member was threatened with prosecution and the other when an indignity was placed upon the whole profession by the Board of Education. So that individually and collectively we are better because of the society. Again, I believe that the profession in the whole of Canada is indebted to the Society for the effective protest made against hasty legislation on Dominion registration. We have not heard of any other organized effort to amend Dr. Roddick's bill, and had no protest been entered from any source, it is probable the Bill would now be law. In regard to our contentions it may be noted that their justice is acknowledged by all who give the matter any consideration, and it will not be possible now for the Bill to pass without amendments in regard to representation of the provinces and examinations.

So much for the past. As to the future, I trust our meetings may continue to be as well attended and as profitable. I beg to suggest that another open meeting be held. The success of these during the past two years warrants a repetition of the event. One other matter needs our attention. The membership list should be revised as some have forfeited their membership by non-attendance and some for other reasons. A committee should be appointed to act with the Secretary for this purpose. These are all the "family" matters that I desire to mention, and now I ask your indulgence for a short time while I speak of some general considerations. The topics of disease, treatment and profession of medicine are vast and varied and yet it would be difficult to find facts pertaining to these, possessing any novelty for you; but I give you my own opinions, and interpretations of the facts and invite your criticisms.

We shall soon be looking back on the greatest century medicine has ever known, a century of labor and results. It may be said of this as well as of the last that the end seems to be the most exciting part. The centennial turning point is regarded with some interest by us all and it furnishes an excuse for retrospection, for estimating existing conditions and for questioning the future as to its probable event. In the closing days of the last century medicine was represented by the great physician with his gold headed cane, the surgeon, also great but