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IN THE INTERESTS OF THE MEDICAL PROFESSION

The best way to succeed is to go to work and do things. The medical profession cannot afford to drift. The time was when the medical profession was unorganized for either scientific, social, or business purposes; but we take it that such a condition is a thing of the past. There are many reasons for this.

One of the first to present itself is that there are great questions that demand careful consideration from the scientific aspects. As a great calling each doctor must maintain a high standard of efficiency, and one of the ways is to attend at medical conventions where medical subjects are discussed.

Another reason for organization and meeting is that the members become acquainted with each other and this makes for a better understanding of each others needs and aspirations. It adds immensely to the joy of living to know many good fellows, and to share with them thought for thought. This tends greatly to raise the standard of all.

Then there is the business side of the question. In years gone by each doctor worked away in his own way out in his own locality, coming into contact with only a very few of his fellow practitioners. Medical laws did not affect him, as there were really none. He did not need report births and deaths, he was not called upon to notify contagious diseases, there were no public school inspections, and hospitals only existed in a few of the large cities. All this has changed. The medical men must adjust themselves to the new conditions, and the only way by which this can be done is by organization and the holding of meetings.

Manufacturers have their associations, business men their common understandings, bankers have their union, and working men their various leagues. So by necessity the medical profession must become more and more organized. Governments will pass laws affecting the medical profession, and municipalities will lay down regulations giving certain trends to medical practice. Some of these laws and regulations might be very