

go hand in hand. The true function of our study and deliberation is to prevent rather than to cure disease, and we are fulfilling our functions. But yet death reigns everywhere and at all times and in all places, and we know it. But he is not the stalking giant that he was. He has been marvellously reduced in stature.

Our medical press requires considerable regeneration. The articles published are not censored as rigidly as they should be. Much that is written and published is incomplete, speculative and inaccurate, and hence misleading. Our journals should be purely scientific publications, and not the hotbeds for the propagation of unstable theories. Looking back is not always a pleasant pastime, but there is a definite certainty about it that does not belong to the future. All that has been printed is liable at any time to be reviewed.

And now, in closing, let me say that in the year that has passed a much-desired amalgamation has been effected between two of our greatest educational institutions, Trinity and Toronto University. At first the task looked like a hopeless one, but owing to the good feeling existing between the rival faculties, it was finally achieved. Our province stands high in the banking world, in the musical world, and in the educational world. I was gratified to hear our provincial University so well spoken of in the Mother Land and even in Egypt. The Medical Faculty of the University of Toronto, as now constituted, with its ever increasing facilities, stands second to none, in Canada, at least, and the work accomplished, as evidenced by the standing obtained by our students abroad, is of a very high order.

Fathered by this Association is an institution intended to be a guardian and repository of our archives. We must be prepared to preserve our records for the use and assistance of those who come after us. A calamity befell the world when the Alexandrian library was burned, and a calamity would befall the profession of this province if the books, collected under the name of the Ontario Medical Library, should meet with a similar fate. We are about to occupy new premises, but we need more money to carry on the good work. This is not a municipal matter, but a provincial and professional need, and I hope that many of the out-of-town members of this Association will assist us. Such an institution, to do the work well, must be liberally endowed.

Three trustees have been appointed, and through the generosity of the members of the profession of Toronto, of our good