

home and practice to attend to the discharge of his corporate duties in a distant place; the onus of management will consequently fall upon those individuals who are nearest to the seat of centralization, and I do not presume any one would seriously contemplate or advocate a peripatetic college.

As we are now assembled, however, with the desire and expressed intention of acting conscientiously for our own good, and the protection of the public; let us strenuously and harmoniously set ourselves to work to carry out so laudable a design.

I would recommend that our first movement should be directed to obtaining an act of incorporation based upon the same principles as those granted to our Brethren in Lower Canada. We see our neighbours there, treated with liberal legislative enactments; we have applied fruitlessly for the same rights, and our petitions have remained unheeded! We must reiterate our attempt to acquire equal justice, and not cease to agitate until we have attained our object; for we have right on our side, and we cannot fail to succeed if we proclaim that right with our united voices.

Having obtained an act of incorporation, the first step to our progress has been accomplished. We shall then be enabled to form Bye-Laws to regulate the preliminary education of the candidates for legal power to practice.

This is a subject of the first importance, with a view to the general improvement of the rising members of the profession; for without a knowledge of the ancient and some of the modern languages, together with an acquaintance with the collateral sciences, the Student of Medicine cannot arrive at that elevated position in society, which should render him a prominent member of the circle in which he is destined to move.

It is to be regretted that we find ourselves far behind our brethren in the United States in the social intercommunication they so eminently exhibit. We may well endeavour to imitate them in this respect; for the proceedings of their various State medical societies present an instructive lesson for our regard. It is true, that obstacles exist here, from the widely-extended surface over which are spread the practitioners of this province, as contrasted with the denser population of the cities, towns, and rural districts of our neighbors. But, I think, with a little management, and the cultivation of that generous feeling amongst ourselves, which we do not disown, we might present a more united phalanx of professional adhesion than we now do.

One circumstance that will, no doubt, tend to promote so desirable an end, has already been accomplished, namely, the establishment of a professional journal in this city, the progress of which, I am happy to observe, is rapidly expanding, from the tiny form of a pamphlet, to the goodly sized periodical; containing, as it advances, highly interesting matter, destined to circulate not only throughout our own country, but where it has already been recognized and noted—in our own fatherland. If personal communication, from our peculiar situation, cannot be frequently enjoyed, the members of the profession have the opportunity of discussing and interchanging opinions now, with a degree of freedom, through the channel of this journal, which will materially lessen the inconvenience of their widely-extended position; and it is gratifying to observe how many have already availed themselves of this advantage. It may not be out of place here, to remark upon the rapidly advancing progress of the province in population and wealth.

When I settled here, 35 years ago, the prospect was but little encouraging; and many were the moments of doubt and hesitation with me, whether I should not commence a retreat from so unpromising a field; but energy, and the spirit of endurance, came to my aid, and I plodded on through the then muddy streets of this city, and the worse roads of the rural districts. Now, I live to behold a wealthy and populous community, the establishment of a University, and two effective schools of medical science, the rural districts well supplied with professional aid, and the field expanding throughout the land for the advantageous settlement of additional members! When I remark on these changes since my