

British Isles, in dealing with the terms of Lloyd George's Insurance Bill, points out what an association can do for each individual member of the profession. The future outlook of Canadian medicine demands a strong association to confront legislation that would make us a despised arm of the civil service. It may be there are greater evils in store for us than being brought under the pay and direction of the Canadian civil service. If thereby the public were protected against its own "giant credulity" and our profession purged of its abuses, one could gladly welcome the change. So long as a nation can elect a demagogue to its legislative halls there is sure to arise the attempt. It may be in the very near future. Let us be armed to secure the most favorable terms. If four-fifths of the profession belonged to the Association, instead of one-fifth, as at present, no attempt could get under way to bring us into the service without our consent.

Previous to the inauguration of the *Association Journal* there were practically no permanent members of the Association, except its officers. The membership lasted only during the meeting, and its character changed from year to year. Since the appearance of the *Journal* the permanent membership has reached nearly fifteen hundred, and the attendance at the annual meetings has more than doubled. Two factors have created gigantic associations in the United States and Great Britain, viz., the unification of all city or county societies with the national association, and the establishment of a weekly journal. The national association should be the apex of the pyramid, whose base is the provincial societies built upon the city and county societies. At the suggestion of President Mackid, the Association last year directed the secretary to induce each provincial society to secure affiliation with itself of all the city, town and county societies.

The great bond between the national association and the individual in the profession is not the annual meeting, but the weekly journal. It is by way of a weekly journal that we can succeed in forcing this Association into greatness. It will require funds to put the *Association Journal* out as a weekly, but the difficulty of obtaining these funds is not insurmountable. One way is to canvass the profession for a membership on the basis of a weekly journal. A membership of one-half of the profession of this country would assure the continued existence of a weekly issue. Another way is to secure an endowment, the interest on which when no longer needed for the maintenance of the weekly journal, could be used for lectureships and research work under the Association's guidance.