

ciation as conspicuous a success as so many of its annual meetings have been. This year, owing to the kind invitation extended by the profession of Windsor, endorsed by the city council and others, the association decided, after a thorough discussion, to alter for this year the place of meeting. I confess to a feeling of doubt as to the wisdom of changing from a central point like Toronto, so readily accessible from all parts of the province, the centre of all forms of educational work in the province, to a city at the extreme western boundary ; but once the matter was so decided most of the men felt that a special effort was incumbent upon them to overcome any possible or fancied difficulty. The local committee have, I find, left nothing undone by wise thoughtfulness in their arrangements to ensure the success of our meeting. You will find, on reference to the programme, that an active committee on business and papers has provided an ample and diversified bill of fare ; let each member appropriate his own particular pabulum, giving out as well as receiving, and thus a full benefit will accrue to all.

Our association aims at bringing together men from all parts of the province (and this time a special contingent of the profession across the border, to whom we extend a most hearty welcome); men in the same profession, it is true, but yet whose paths are widely diversified, embracing the much-sought-after specialist, with difficulty dragged from his comfortable office and his large fees, as well as the general practitioner, the rank and file of our profession, in many cases an overworked, underpaid man, who finds it not easy to take even the few days necessary to attend such a meeting as this, those in official positions and those non-official, yet all animated by one spirit, and having one common object in view, viz., to battle with disease, to relieve suffering, to save life, to promote the welfare and health of the people. Noble ends, noble aims! may our discussions tend to further them, may they be mutually helpful, mutually stimulating, so that each of us, in his own sphere, may be encouraged to do all that in him lies to elevate, improve, and uphold the noble profession to which we belong. More than this, a meeting like this brings men into close and kindly personal relation, cements old friendship, lays the foundations of new ones, enables us to meet face to face those whom we have never seen, and yet by whose writings we feel as if they were not entirely strangers to us. It allows, by the comparing of experiences, and putting on record much valuable material that would otherwise be lost, the addition of something, however small, to the sum total of medical knowledge. The enduring records of medical science are slowly and laboriously aggregated together, and much sifting may be necessary in order to separate the grain from the chaff. I think we all may feel a sense of gratification that our province is not behind in this regard. In Toronto we have three flourishing medical societies. I