

The Formation of Medical Associations is a healthy sign. One has recently been organized in the Ottawa valley; another in Oxford County; another at Goderich. Those that have been formed for years are no longer languishing; they have been revived. This augurs well for the national association. It should be of untold advantage to the provincial societies. Union in this way will greatly benefit the profession in every community. There are many good reasons why the medical profession should be a united body. Far too long has it been individualized. Too often have doctors been indifferent friends in small and even large places. Union need necessarily not mean "trade-unionism," with the associated thought of strikes; although trade-unionism to better the lot of the rank and file of the profession has the powerful sanction and advocacy of Sir Victor Horsley. Doctors should not falsely pose before the public that they prefer honor and gratitude to money and pay for their service. A united profession does not call for a profession less charitable to the poor. There are other professions and trades and callings which do a great deal for the poor as well as the doctors. Every calling should unite to sidetrack dead beats. It is the people who will not pay when they can pay that should be shunted. Apparently Sir Victor, from his address before the Medical Library of the Sheffield University, believes that the time is come when medicine should be stripped of all foolish chivalry and romanticism.

The Osteopaths of Ontario are getting Ambitious. They are going to apply to the Ontario Legislature to be incorporated in the Ontario College of Physicians and Surgeons, almost precisely on the same footing as are the Homeopaths. They want to practice their massage by Act of Parliament. No one can make any objection to an exponent of osteopathy entering the profession of medicine by the regular path which leads to practice, which we have all trod but one in this province. If the thin end of the wedge of quackery ever enters the profession of medicine in Ontario, we may expect it to cleave a cleft into which will pour a voluminous stream of charlatanism. The