

profession did less than nothing. The President-elect proceeded to the advertised annual meeting to be held at the Manitoba Hotel. Here he met a corporal's guard of the profession placidly smoking on the pavement in front of the hotel. The President-elect at once returned home in a frame of mind better imagined than described. Such is the brief and inglorious career of the first Manitoba Medical Association which though vigorous at its birth died from inanition.

At that time there was no unity, no loyalty, no enthusiasm. Apathy and jealousy characterized our profession. Winnipeg was an overgrown village, Manitoba an experiment and all of us had a limited horizon.

Since then our country has undergone an amazing material development and Winnipeg gradually became more and more metropolitan. Our profession likewise has changed for the better. This is largely owing to the stimulating influence of the Winnipeg Medico-chirurgical Society, Manitoba Medical College, the Clinical and other Societies, and last but not least the influence of the Western Canada Medical Journal.

Whilst we acknowledge the beneficial influence of these various factors, it is, however, essential that the whole profession of Manitoba should meet once each year at various points in the province.

It is fortunate that our first annual meeting should be held in the flourishing City of Brandon, so noted for its generous hospitality and for being the breeding ground of so many successful politicians. At first thought I imagined this selection was a mistake but now I am convinced of its wisdom. The meeting of the Canadian Medical Association and that of the British Association for the Advancement of Science would overshadow and dwarf our infant organization if we had selected Winnipeg.

The future of our Association hinges upon the outcome of this meeting. If this convention turns out to be an unqualified success—and your numbers today and the papers supplied are most assuring—we shall have no fears regarding the future.

The papers which will be read and I hope, thoroughly discussed, are numerous and many of them on subjects of great importance.

Let me limit myself, by way of introduction, to a brief state-