

practice his profession in Ontario ; but there is only, and can only be, the same anatomy and the same physiology for all the Provinces ; the physician is the same everywhere. Why, therefore, this anomaly, that a Canadian physician may not practice in every quarter of the nation's territory ? This country, which is so dear to us, can she not nourish her children without dividing them into castes ? Why should a practitioner of Ottawa cease to be a practitioner in Hull ? Because the British North America Act reserved to the Provincial Parliaments the right, the exclusive right, to legislate in educational matters. Consequently, instead of one Medical Council for the entire nation, we have as many Medical Corporations as there are federated Provinces ; and everywhere, of course, as many different legislative enactments. This lack of uniformity has delayed the accomplishment of our professional unity. Notwithstanding this drawback, it cannot be denied that medical science has made real progress in this young country. A loftier idea of medicine, inspired by more intimate relations with the European schools, has given wonderful stimulus to our institutions. The number of schools has diminished, but the quality of the teaching has been made better. Admission to study has been rendered more difficult. The courses, or lectures, consisting of three terms of six months each, have been replaced by lectures which extend over a period of four years. The progress made during twenty years in medical learning has demonstrated the necessity of subdividing the fundamental matters. As a result histology, general pathology, gynæcology, internal and external pathology, ophthalmology, bacteriology, etc., etc., are the subjects of special teaching. Heated theoretical debates of olden times are now decided in the laboratory positively but calmly. To the glory of our great schools must it be said, their students carry off in a few months, and with marked ability, the diplomas of Paris, of London and of Edinburgh. Every year men of learning from France, Germany, England, and the United States honor us by their visits ; last year the British Medical Association held its scientific meetings in our midst. A generous rivalry reigns amongst us. In a word, we have reason to be proud of the progress which we have made ; and if, as we