

meet the costs of the same, a small assessment be levied upon members of the profession in that province, it being understood that those failing to meet this assessment thereby forfeit the right to be defended in case they become subjects of blackmail, the central committee having in addition the right to contribute still further from the main fund to the costs of a case provided this assessment be found still inadequate.

By some such scheme as this the contributions and the expenses would be at a minimum; the funds would be elastic and in case of need could be suitably increased.

While we recognise on the whole, that the Canadian Medical Association is the most suitable body to take up this matter, there is yet one weak point in the organization of the same to which we might here call attention. We refer to the fact that membership in this Association is annual in the very narrowest sense. To a very large extent, only those who contribute to the funds of the Association put in an appearance at the annual meeting. Thus the membership is by no means a constant quantity and to this, and to the same extent, the corporate life of the Association is feeble. More ought to be done to insure the continuance of individuals from year to year. To this end Dr. Blackader's proposal that the transactions of each succeeding year be printed in a separate volume, is a step in the right direction. If the Association can present something tangible to its members, those members will be more willing to be permanent contributors to the funds than if the yearly meeting is the sole evidence of the Association's work and vitality.