

consensus of opinion in favor of the new organization. It is probably unnecessary to mention that it is now generally conceded that the promoters, who were chiefly physicians of Hamilton and Toronto, established eighteen years ago a medical society which, in many, if not all, respects, is the most successful that Canada has known.

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### A LOCAL HABITATION FOR A NATIONAL MEDICAL ASSOCIATION.

The American Medical Association is in many respects, perhaps—as to vital points—in all respects, similar to our own Canadian Association. We in this country have watched the career of the large society across the border with great interest. For many years it was greatly weakened by internal dissensions, and especially by the serious split which occurred about the time of the meeting of the International Medical Congress at Washington in 1887. For some years many of the brighter lights in large medical centres completely ignored the national organization. A great improvement has, however, recently taken place, and we are glad to know that the recent meeting at Columbus was in all respects an excellent one.

The President, Dr. Mathews, of Louisville, in his address dealt with many subjects of interest connected with "Our National Body," but referred to one question which has often been discussed by members of our national body in Canada. The question was, "Shall we have a local habitation?" The *New York Medical Journal* by way of comment says: "It is satisfactory to find that Dr. Mathews favors a local habitation for the Association, and we have no fault to find with his choice of Washington as the locality, although we have recently favored a number of central cities as places in which the Association should meet in turn."

In Canada many have advocated one fixed place of meeting for our Association, and have suggested the capital, Ottawa, as the proper city; others have pointed out that in the past the meetings at Ottawa have not been as largely attended as those in other cities. We have to recognize the fact that our most successful meetings have been held in Montreal, and many think that it would be unfortunate to make any rule that would