

At these meetings papers are read and cases and specimens are presented. It is to be presumed that those reading papers or presenting cases have devoted special attention to the subjects they bring to the notice of the members. Thus the preparation of a paper becomes an educational stimulus to the individual preparing it and as the members are notified beforehand as to the questions which are to be up for consideration, they have ample opportunity of preparing themselves to take an intelligent part in the discussions. In the counsels of many, it has been said, there is much wisdom. However that may be, true it is that in our own profession, the best read and those of the greatest experience may often obtain newer and clearer views upon the subjects discussed at these meetings from those who have not had as great opportunities as they. To him who goes to an association meeting with the determination to obtain the greatest amount of information possible, whether he reads a paper, presents a case, takes part in a discussion or merely listens intelligently, educational benefits must accrue and for this reason, if for no other, such meetings are to be recommended and encouraged.

At these meetings, too, questions affecting the welfare and advancement of the profession are usually discussed. In fact it is at these meetings, as a rule, that the views of the profession upon questions of this nature first find utterance and the decisions which the profession arrives at upon such subjects at the meetings are afterwards embodied in the laws affecting and regulating the profession. As instances we might cite the course of studies necessary to be pursued in order to obtain a license, the law regarding actions for mal-practice, the standing of medical officers in the militia, Inter-provincial or Dominion registration. Any member of the profession who has any idea that the standing or efficiency of the profession could be improved in any particular has ample opportunity of bringing his views before his brethren, and if they meet with general approval he may rest assured that they will in the near future become embodied in the law of the land. But it is not only in this direct way that the standing of the profession is raised by the discussions which take place at these association meetings. All are brought into close contact. The younger and less experienced meet on an equal footing the older and more