

catchewan and Assiniboine—from the prairies of Manitoba, from the old homestead Provinces of Ontario and Quebec, from those Provinces by the sea, and *you* will reap the benefits which such meetings are so well calculated to confer, for they will embrace the experience of the profession under varying climates and under many conditions. And gentlemen we must not be discouraged by seeming failures. These are incidental to the commencement of all such institutions. The time will come when full success will crown our efforts, and our Association will be commensurate with our nation. We must have our evening as well as morning to constitute a perfect day. We cannot measure the result by present benefits. They will assume proportions which will surpass the anticipations of the most ardent. For no matter how extensive the experience of the individual practitioner, how close his observation, how powerful his mental capacity, he will, if confined to a locality, become cramped by its limits, and it may be his professional growth checked by an incrustation of routine so apt to settle upon us all. Throw the same person into contact with genial minds and he will enter upon new fields of thought, and receive as well as impart new suggestions, and that in proportion to the extent of country which may be represented. This has been the case in other departments of culture, and will prove true when professional brethren meet, for each member from his contact with disease under varying circumstances will bring to light some new experience and at the same time will carry away that detailed by others, each having some special opportunities in the wider field of observation, whilst the most cultivated will be benefitted even in their own special direction by the critical shrewdness of those who may be their inferiors in their specialty, yet their equals if not their superiors in other departments of the profession.

Another result will be the modifying influence which will be exercised on the extreme of the profession. The too hasty will be held in check by the naturally conservative,