

were favored with the services of a most energetic secretary, whose zeal might be described as almost boundless. The name of Dr. J. E. White will not soon be forgotten, as one to whose earnestness for the welfare of this association much of its present strength is indebted. His very sudden death, a few months ago, was deeply regretted by the large circle of friends his geniality had won for him.

The influence which is exerted by such a meeting as this is manifold. To the profession at large it gives unmistakable evidence of an ever-increasing interest in everything pertaining to scientific progress, and such a gathering never fails to exercise an important influence on the elevation of professional character, as well as on the advancement of professional attainments. Much of the charm of these meetings is the prospect of greeting those we have known before. One of the important functions of this association, while discussing the products of experience in the great fields of surgery and medicine, is to prove a meeting place where friend meets friend, and, if necessary, buries the asperities which, through no fault of his own, may have interfered with their cordiality. It is only a few years ago since the lives of doctors were all much the same, and the development of their ideas, feelings, and sentiments took place through much the same environment and experience, and, in failure or success, they came in contact with the world at large through much the same points of contact. The change has been, particularly in Canada, very gradual; but now many doctors lead most different lives, and are developed under the most diverse and different conditions. The specialist, in his well-appointed office, with his definite time for labor, and his hours of undisturbed rest, to be employed as his tastes and inclinations may direct, can hardly enter into the feelings of those who hold themselves in readiness to answer a summons at any hour of the twenty-four. The laryngologist, his life spent in a darkened room, his vision limited to the length of his reflecting mirror and his view confined to the illuminated spot, resembling in size the gold piece which will be the reward of his skill and dexterity, is not likely, as time goes on, to fully understand the trials and triumphs of the man in general practice, who passes from stone front to shanty, from alley to suburb, through mud and snow, and who is likely to turn, without a moment's notice, from measles and whooping-cough to gout and broken bones. It must not be forgotten that both are doctors, doing their work within the limits which personal preference or chance may have thrown them. This entire difference of condition and surroundings must surely have its effect upon the feelings and sentiments and character of the future man of medicine—and there will be doctors and doctors. The professional character of to-day finds that its feelings and its sentiments have been largely developed under the old-time similarity of