

have not been slow to criticise the manner in which finances have here been permitted to concentrate into the hands of a few principal men and institutions till it has become almost impossible to carry out any considerable undertaking without their help or permission. That the position needs broadening in the worst possible manner is very evident. It will not eventually mean less business to the institutions which have heretofore dominated the situation. It suggests the thought that possibly a new group of financiers may have arisen to do battle with the old and to create a broader situation." Substitute medicine for finance and you have the position of medical affairs in the West at the present time. Of course, there are those who will tell us the old, old story of perfect unity and peace except for what they are pleased to term "a few soreheads." These judge others by themselves and cannot conceive of men wanting anything but material advantage to themselves in every act of their life. However, the army calling for reform is increasing in number and strength daily. To those who think that there is no need for the request for Unity, we would point out that the presidents of Societies can very easily gauge whether there is unity among the members. Last year there was no mention of this need, proving that the desire for reform must be increasing and the leaders for the year must have felt that in many points there was a lack of united action of members—the old order not being in accord with the new. However, the realization of the need for reform is not limited to our profession, nor to Manitoba. All over the world this is going on. We are lagging. The profession as a whole, while following the march of scientific achievements, has forgotten to take steps to improve its material welfare and its business relations with the public. Unity is needed for this. For our own protection we need to be united—for protection from quacks and charlatans who have obtained freedom to practice from the various cults which have sprung up from time to time and threaten the public health by neglect of all laws pertaining to quarantine of contagious diseases. Further, we need unity to obtain