

societies as already proposed, but in addition to this would be in the full enjoyment of all the benefits to be derived from union with a great national organization. It is said, "Let us organize the local ones first, and then later on unite these in a national one." Would this lessen the difficulties any? A Toronto Academy of Medicine would as an independent organization have its own president and other officials, its own property, etc.; Montreal, Halifax, Winnipeg, the same. Would it be an easier matter to change all this at the end, say, of twenty years, than it would be to establish a Canadian Academy of Medicine, and allow the branches to fit into the constitution as they grow? The latter would be along lines of natural development—first the trunk and then the branches, to bear luscious fruit. The former would mean radical disorganization of independent institutions into the branches of a national one.

Again, could there be a more opportune time for instituting a great movement in the interests of scientific medicine than the present? For years our medical journals have been calling attention to the great need of an Academy of Medicine. Osler in a recent address gave the proposition an enthusiastic endorsement. The approaching meetings of the Ontario and Canadian Medical Associations will afford ample opportunities for conference with medical men from all over the Dominion.

Pages could be written on this phase of the subject without exhausting it, but suffice it to say that the greatest needs of our profession are something that will inspire every member to do her or his best, and some source through which the good work done in our ranks can become available for the use of all. Let us endorse in action the sentiment expressed by Homer:

"By mutual confidence, and mutual aid
Great deeds are done, and great discoveries made.
The wise new prudence from the wise acquire,
And one great hero fans another's fire."

PATRIOTIC PHASE.

The medical profession as such has nothing to do with that brand of spurious patriotism that satiates itself in flaunting the flag for mercenary, partizan and jingoistic purposes. But the spirit of true patriotism, that inspires the worthy citizen to use every honorable means in his power to make his country a desirable one to live in, should animate the soul of every physician. It is not only legitimate, but it is the duty of every Canadian to make known as widely as he can the natural resources of his country—its illimitable wealth in mine, forest, and fertile soil. Is it any less his duty to make known the status of its educational institutions when these are so well worthy of commendation? What better asset can any country have than the services through-