

The western men, unhampered by the restraining influences of ancient customs and effete precedents, have been for some time, and are now more than ever, scattering scientific and practical seeds from the tree of knowledge that have been transplanted into our virgin soil, to all the world through innumerable channels, so much indeed as to command the attention and respect of the wise and noble men of the east. The increasing number of distinguished surgeons visiting us every year is complimentary. In addition to individual visitations of doctors from one country to another, and conveying principles and practices to and fro, there are other professional avenues through which surgical knowledge finds its way to all nations. Chief among these are the publication of books, monographs and treatises; the issuance of journals; and the publications of transactions of special societies.

The influence of professional gatherings, from the smallest local society to the great national associations, with their surgical sections, reaches far and wide. Then comes the special surgical associations, international congresses, and now an "International Surgical Association" is organized, by representative surgeons from each country, to work on special surgical lines. This reaches a plane in search of scientific truths that has never been attained before in the surgical world.

While surgical societies have their special value and place, there can never be any danger of their teaching causing a separation of labors of the physician and surgeon. So long as the internal organs of man become disordered and diseased they shall need medicine. It is an indisputable fact that the best results in surgery are obtained, not by a competitive struggle between the surgeon and physician, but by a graceful co-operation one with the other for the benefit of the sufferer.

This is the result of education and culture. How different now from the time when in 1774, Von Wuthwehr, of Freiburg, suggested a union of surgery with medicine, the students threatening to mob him!

The surgical appliances, instruments, materials used, the aid to diagnosis, the technique of operations, and the operations themselves are universally the same. The inventions and new discoveries of different individuals are eagerly published and heralded with lightning speed all the world over. It is easy for me to go on with these glittering generalities, but that will not