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MEDICAL ASSOCIATIONS.

THIS may be said to be an age of Conventions. We have them of all kinds—religious, political, business, philanthropic, professional. The medical profession has not escaped the general tendency to form Associations or Conventions. In this country we have Dominion, Provincial, District and City Medical Associations. The question might well be asked, what is the practical utility of all these gatherings? It has seemed to us that the benefit to be derived by anyone attending these association meetings will depend primarily upon the character of the work taken up at these meetings, and secondarily upon the individual himself. If the subjects presented for consideration are of a practical character and if the individual takes an intelligent interest in the proceedings he must of necessity be benefited thereby. If on the other hand the subjects under consideration are not of a practical nature or if the individual does not become personally interested in the proceedings, then assuredly his attendance at the meetings will be productive of very little good to him. But assuming that the subjects presented for consideration are of a practical nature and of interest to the general practitioner and assuming that the individual members of the association take an active and intelligent interest in the discussions what are the benefits to be derived? Speaking in general terms, we would say that the benefits to be derived from attendance at such associations are varied and may, perhaps, be classified as educational, professional, social and physical.