

On the evening of June 19th some thirty medical men assembled in the rooms of the Medico-Chirurgical Society. Dr. Shepherd, as president of the Society, was called to the chair.

Dr. Hart gave a very interesting address, referring first to his trip round the world, and especially to his sojourn in Japan, where he spent much time in studying the history of medicine in that remarkable country. He then went on to state that it was the desire of the Council of the British Medical Association that colonial branches should be formed on the same lines as the so-called "Provincial Branches" at present so universal in Great Britain and Ireland; and which have been found such a source of strength to the mother association. The doctor stated that among the advantages accruing from membership and the annual payment of \$5.25 were included an *entrée* to the Metropolitan House in London, which afforded many of the privileges of a club, and the receipt of the *British Medical Journal*. He further proceeded to explain that local branches had a large latitude for autonomous government, organization and development according to their various needs. They might hold their meetings once a year or once a month, as they pleased, and either in one centre or in various centres they might meet either as the whole branch or in sections according to locality. Where societies were numerous and well developed they were not in any way interfered with, nor had it been found in the oldest settled communities that the prosperity of any local institution was in any way interfered with. Thus no local jealousies arose, and while the Association fulfilled its great purpose of uniting the whole profession of this great empire in bonds of friendship and brought them constantly into touch with each other it aimed at fulfilling only such local needs as were found to require supplementing. He concluded by expressing his gratification at the unanimous and cordial manner in which the proceedings had been taken.

The following resolutions were then moved and carried unanimously :—

Moved by Dr. Hingston, seconded by Dr. Geo. Ross : " That this meeting of members of the medical profession, resident in Montreal, cordially sympathizes with the work of the British