

### PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS.\*

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*Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,*—The British Columbia Medical Association was organized in 1900. It is unnecessary to go into details of the formation; most of you have heard them before; but I would like to compliment the founders of the Association on the excellent constitution, by-laws and code of ethics compiled at that time, and would recommend that a copy should be placed in the hands of every medical man when he receives his license to practice in British Columbia, and I might add, a copy of the scale of fees in which I might suggest that only the minimum charge be put down, so that it would read from such and such a price.

The objects of the Association as set forth in the constitution are well worthy the earnest consideration of every medical man. For your information permit me to read them over.

1. The cultivation of the science of medicine and surgery.
2. The advancement of the character and honor of the medical profession.
3. The elevation of the standard of medical education.
4. The promotion of public health.
5. The furtherance of unity and harmony among its members.

The question that I would like to ask you is, How shall all these objects be best obtained, collectively and individually?

In order to make our Association a success, and so partially attain our objects, it is necessary that the members should be given something in return for their membership, and that the Association should comprise the whole of the medical men in the province. It is a matter of impossibility for all the medical men of British Columbia to attend our annual meetings, and if they pay a membership fee for the support of the Association they should receive some of the benefits of membership. At present the benefits to absentees is nil, therefore there is no object in their belonging to any of the Canadian Associations whether local, Provincial or Dominion. A society cannot be run without

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