

all the smaller societies in a greater one. The Western Medical Association — of which they would be the parts — the large association to meet annually and the others as each decides. The annual meeting would finally discuss matters which had been previously considered by the district societies —and the members would have opportunity of hearing papers read by leading men. The great growth of quacks in the West is greatly due to the lack of organization of the profession and the apathy of our legislators to the requests of a few—individually we all talk about these conditions and feel very strongly the harm being done, but individually we exert little influence. Collectively we should be a power. Hence it is a matter for rejoicing to find every month by the report of the work of societies and the formation of new ones that we are drawing nearer to the time when we shall have a united profession in the West. A good organization means quicker and better discharge of the affairs of the society and greater opportunities for the consideration of the scientific contributions. When our Unity of interest becomes complete by the formation of the Western Canada Medical Association and the enrolment of all reputable men in the West in its membership the western profession will be able to secure its proper position in the Community and obtain its rights. Then we can look forward to just legislation and the profession will not be misunderstood for condemning the various humbug varieties of pseudo-science and from attempting to save the ignorant from those imposters who take their money and promise what they know to be impossible cures. It is hoped the various societies will at the earliest opportunity discuss the advisability of the western professional Union.—Individually as usual we have many who say they see the great necessity for it—but what we need now is the collective opinion of the societies and then quick action in forming it and a meeting held to map out its work.

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