

would be the gainer too, for instead of one or two men advising the government on matters of public health, the whole profession would indirectly have a voice. This leads to the next consideration, viz., the establishment of a journal. Without doubt the very existence of the association is dependent on the publication of an up-to-date journal. As McCallum of London pointed out at the recent meeting, to publish an article in a Canadian journal seemed about tantamount to consigning it to the flames or locking it up in a drawer. The infrequency with which Canadian journals are quoted abroad is familiar to all. This we venture would not be the case had we a journal bearing the imprimatur of the Canadian profession. We are not ungrateful to the independent medical press of this country. They have done what they could, and an official organ will not displace them any more than the *British Medical Journal* has displaced the *Lancet* or *Practitioner*. The question of financing a journal of the Canadian Medical Association with our present numerical strength is a serious one. It must of course be a strictly ethical publication. We are of the opinion a monthly journal is all that should be attempted at present.

The association having been duly constituted no time should be lost in appointing an energetic organizer. His duty would be to increase the membership and establish where possible branches of the parent association. He need not be a medical man. The necessity for such an officer will be apparent to any one who will take the trouble to glance over the registration list at any of our annual meetings. At the Halifax meeting, for example, there were only 222 in attendance, and of this number less than 200 actually registered and paid their annual fee. It may be pointed out in this connection that the British Medical Association, which has now a membership of upwards 20,000, had only 140 members in 1832. Still, we are moving at a faster pace, whether a better or not, and it seems most important that the whole scheme should be carefully outlined and submitted at the next annual meeting of the association and in such a way that it may take form. The report should not deal in vague generalities, but in minutest details; it should include the estimated cost of publishing the journal, the salary of an organizer, &c., suggestions as to management,