

stone to which he can bring his experiences to the test and save him from falling into the rut of a few sequences. It keeps his mind open and receptive, and counteracts that tendency to premature senility which is apt to overtake a man who lives in a routine." These sentences present this phase of the subject so fully and felicitously, that nothing more need be said on the importance of the educational value of the Medical Society.

In the preceding paragraphs an effort has been made to show the need for, and the value of, the Medical Society or Association. It remains now to discuss the Ontario Medical Association *per se*. This Association has years enough behind it to claim a fair show of reverence for its age. Each decade since its origin has found it steadily growing in favor and influence with the profession throughout the province. In its presidents we have a long list of notable names—names that stand for the best traditions in Canadian medicine—men whose moral worth and high culture commanded respect and confidence. This year, happily finds us with officers as worthy as were their predecessors. The President, Dr. Mitchell, adds to high professional attainments, those characteristics so valuable to a presiding officer, viz., an attractive personality, tact and wide experience. All the other officers will discharge their duties efficiently, so in naval parlance we can say "the ship is well manned."

The success of the coming meeting rests with the profession throughout Ontario. What is imperatively needed in every country district, as well as in every town and city, is active missionary work. The main reason for non-attendance, in probably 50 per cent. of all cases, is that the men do not give the subject any thought or are not spoken to about it. The potent remedy for this lies in the hands of the active members of the Association, viz., to speak to, invite, and try to persuade their fellow practitioners to attend. If all of those who take an active interest in these annual gatherings, would do a little missionary work, the attendance could easily be doubled. Another important feature is to have those who read papers, or take part in the discussions, as representative of the profession throughout the whole province as possible. There is quite a variety in the physical conditions of our large province and in the value and character of our health resorts, etc. These can be presented best by those practicing in the different districts.

But if physicians outside of Toronto have obligations resting upon them, those of the city have theirs too. Every effort should be made by each hospital staff to furnish as much clinical material as possible and a cordial invitation be extended to members to visit our hospitals. The