

that no small school, hospital or society can by any effort, however able and however well directed, meet all needs.

“Our own part is too vast and too complex
For one man alone to accomplish its purpose
And hold it shut fast in his hand.”

The capital city of Ontario is rapidly approaching the half-million mark in population. Its people have doubled in numbers within the last decade, and its future as one of the great cities of the continent is already assured. On us rests the obligation of seeing that in things medical its progress shall keep pace with its advancement along other lines. A few years ago the four medical societies referred to were doing excellent work in Toronto and making the name of our city and of our country widely known. They voluntarily gave up their autonomy in order that by uniting forces one strong and progressive Society should come into existence. It is to the lasting credit of the men who composed those societies that they recognized the trend of modern progress and were content to lose their corporate individuality in promoting a scheme for the more comprehensive unifying of professional interests.

“The intuition of unity is the end of philosophy,” wrote Plato.

Already they are receiving their reward in the kindlier feeling that pervades the atmosphere in which we live. Men have been brought into closer relationship, one with another, and warm friendships are replacing jealousies and suspicions which formerly were too much in evidence.

The Academy, with its great and growing library, should be the means for bringing out and of making known all that is best amongst us. A medical school is chiefly of interest to its staff and its students, and a hospital to these and to the patients who fill its wards. The Academy has no such limitations. Here all meet on a level, and one rises above another only by the better work he is able to do, or the better spirit he displays in doing it. A strong association can afford to assume a sedentary posture on any member who prefers to split hairs rather than to split differences, and whose temperamental bias is toward carping rather than helpful criticism. It would savor of the Pharisee to claim that we are free from all such elements of disturbance, but certainly with us they are minorical. Nine years ago, when President of the Ontario Medical Association, I ventured into the realms of pro-