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Now, these are all first-class men for the positions they have to fill, but they are all from the same college. We do not think it is well to keep these appointments in one circle.

It would have been much better had the other hospitals had their fair share. There is no representative from Grace Hospital, from the Western Hospital, nor from the profession at large. Surely the opinion did not prevail that there was none fit to take part in helping on the Ontario Medical Association.

List as given is all right from the individual point of view, but very unfortunate from that other and broader point of view that makes for union and strength in the truest sense.

This aside, we have much pleasure in urging the members of the medical profession throughout Ontario to arrange for a short holiday and come to Toronto and attend the coming meeting of the Ontario Medical Association. This association has now a long and honorable record behind it. It has done much for the profession, and the profession should do much for it. We hope to see a large attendance. The programme, no doubt, will be a good one.

THE PAST, THE PRESENT, THE FUTURE.

The medical profession in Great Britain is in a serious predicament. What is the lot of medical men in the mother country may be the lot of those of this country in the future. It behooves us all to be alert.

For a long time many members of the medical profession throughout Britain catered to lodge practice, and would bid keenly against each other to secure appoints to the clubs in their vicinity. In this way they educated the public as to how the fees could be reduced. They were putting a rod in pickle for themselves.

The politician is usually quick-eyed to see opportunities for a move in a popular direction. If the medical profession could be exploited for the good of the general public it might be a good political course. So the astute politician drafts a bill that is calculated to grant certain benefits to the smaller wage earners. This is rendered possible by the burden of the measure being placed upon the shoulders of the medical profession. This has come about because the members of the profession did not in the past refuse club practice.

But we are at the present, and the present is not rosy. In Britain the medical horizon is overcast with dark and ominous clouds. The