

(if he will only grasp it) of widening the sphere of medical knowledge, and, as we said before, there is no better place to do so than the meetings of a society where original articles are invited and open discussion allowed.

There is another side of the question upon which we have not yet touched, and that is, that if a physician keeps his thoughts and ideas (gained by experience) to himself, he is bound, sooner or later, to become a "crank," his mind runs in one particular groove or rut, from which he is unable to deviate. It may be that his views are narrow-minded; indeed, in most cases they are so; now if he submits these views to the discussion of a medical society it is highly probable that his eyes may be opened and he may be induced to take more liberal views. Therefore, can we not say that medical societies tend to eradicate the "medical crank." Then again, remembering the old proverb that "two heads are better than one," let us look at it in this light. One physician may have an original theory, imperfect in say one small detail, while another may hold a similar idea perfect where the other is lacking, but perhaps incor-

rect in some other detail; now by submitting these two imperfect theories to a multitude of minds we may evolve from these one perfect theory.

There are numerous other arguments which could be brought forward to support our plea that these societies are for the general advancement of medical science and should be encouraged, but lack of space in this issue prevents us from doing so.

In conclusion, we would earnestly advise all members of the medical profession to join, and not only join but attend the meetings of, one or other of these societies. Or if there is not one available, let them set about organizing one without loss of time.

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