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## *Original Contributions.*

### **A CANADIAN ACADEMY OF MEDICINE WITH ITS BRANCHES vs. LOCAL ONES AT TORONTO AND ELSEWHERE.**

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THE movement to establish a Toronto Academy of Medicine brings up for discussion the question, *viz.*, whether it would not be more in the interest of Canadian medicine, in its literature and practice, to establish a Canadian Academy of Medicine, with branches throughout the whole Dominion, than local ones in Toronto and elsewhere. It can be frankly admitted that the establishment of a Canadian Academy of Medicine is a very large proposition and beset with many difficulties, but who would dare to say that these are insuperable, or such that unremitting endeavor and concentration of purpose could not meet and overcome? This great project can be discussed from many standpoints; the writer limits himself to two phases of it: 1. Scientific. 2. Patriotic.

#### SCIENTIFIC PHASE.

Social and economic conditions, up to the present time, have made the earning of a livelihood the dominant factor in the professional life of most medical men. It need scarcely be added that no censure is implied in this statement, for the object is a most legitimate and worthy one. A physician's time and energy are practically exhausted in the exacting routine of daily duties. How many of us at nine or ten p.m. feel like taking up a work on, say, physiology, anatomy or pathology, in order to prosecute a course of study in any one of these or other medical subjects?