

tained always send the largest representation to our Provincial and Dominion association indicates the influence of local organizations in fostering and developing a true professional spirit. If the members of this association will return from this meeting imbued with the determination that a live county organization shall be maintained, and if to these meetings, held quarterly, are brought and discussed some of the interesting cases that have recently engaged the attention of the members, the result would be most marked, and instead of having one or two clinical centres each county would have its own specialists in every department of medicine. The existence of these local societies would no doubt lessen the existence of envying jealousies and heart-burnings, fault-finding and traducings. Then we might hope that each member would be so engaged in the effort to improve himself, and elevate his own position in the profession, that he would have no time in which to study his neighbor's faults, much less to accurately scrutinize and publicly herald his seeming defects. As it is now, the slightest imperfection of a professional brother is sometimes magnified into such Gargantuan proportions as to completely obscure any really good qualities or attainments that he might actually possess, and thus the entire profession is injured in the estimation of the public by the rivalries, bickerings, and jealousies that exist among its members. The greatest of all teachers left us, briefly summarized in "the Golden Rule," the best of all codes of ethics, and the sooner the members of our profession are banded together more firmly in fraternal spirit, the more nearly will we be able to accomplish our great mission in life. Do not imagine that I am dreaming of a professional Utopia, "where every prospect pleases" and even man's not vile. There will be in every Eden a serpent. There seemingly must be those who with the outward semblance of honesty cover dishonorable characters; but we can through local organizations make the manifestation of such dishonesty unpopular. We can educate the public to a belief in the reality of our professions and the nobility of our art. There are enough physicians in this province, to whom their profession is dear, to render the prospect for the future assuringly hopeful. In no way can the standard of our profession be better elevated than by the organization of local societies where the co-laborers can be brought together, and thus learn to sympathize with and respect each other. The strongest hope lies in the fact that, throughout the general profession in this province, there is an increasing love for advancement along the lines made perfect by careful study. It is evident that if the right administration of remedies implies a knowledge which study alone can give, and also a knowledge of the meaning of symptoms, the educated man alone can treat disease, and the ignorant must fall into obscurity, quackery will die a natural death, and the millennium of medicine will be at hand.