

Another injurious feature of the union, so far as the Ontario Medical Association is concerned, is that at intervals it has to forego a meeting. The year when the Canadian Medical Association meets in Ontario there is no meeting of the provincial association. Interest to a very considerable extent is lost in it by this arrangement. If the Ontario Medical Association is to be a successful society it must meet every year. On this point there can be no two opinions. We fail to see why an association that was holding such successful meetings and doing so much good to the profession in Ontario should have that usefulness crippled in any way for the sake of another association that meets in this province only at intervals. When one takes into consideration the geography of Canada it is reasonable to suppose that the Canadian Medical Association will meet in Ontario once every four years. This is frequent enough to have a most disastrous effect on the Ontario Medical Association.

The financial arrangement is not such as to lead to harmony or success. If a practitioner in Ontario belongs to the Ontario Medical Association only, he pays to its funds a fee of \$2. If he belongs to the Canadian Medical Association he pays a fee of \$5, of which the sum of 50 cents is returned to the treasurer of the Ontario Medical Association. This association cannot do much on such a meagre income. If most of the members of the Ontario Medical Association should also belong to the Canadian Medical Association this arrangement might bankrupt the former.

We have no word to say against the Canadian Medical Association. It has done good work in its own sphere, and has been most loyally supported by the medical journals of Canada. While this is true, each society should stand or fall on its own merits. Let the Canadian Medical Association secure its membership in its own way, and conduct its business to suit itself. It is free to establish branches in the various Provinces, after the fashion of the British Medical Association; but this should not be done at the expense of the Ontario Medical Association, or the association of any other Province. The Canadian Medical Association had succeeded for nearly fifty years without any arrangement that handicapped the work of the associations of the various Provinces, and we do not think that such a state of affairs is now necessary. The best way to promote the welfare of the Canadian Medical Association is to have the associations of the various Provinces in the healthiest condition possible. The present arrangements do not make for these ideal conditions.

We take the ground that the Ontario Medical Association should separate from the Canadian Medical Association, and hold an annual meeting of the very best possible, and at such fee as may be found