

that became affiliated, was Ontario. In the last two years all but one of the provinces have followed Ontario's lead, and the one exception has declared itself unofficially in favor of affiliation at an early date. This is the necessary beginning. But what we have yet to do towards organization, is to create a properly constituted body, a sort of parliament, with proportionate representation from each province. Hitherto we have had the Executive Council, but this body has been chosen in an absolutely casual way at the times of the general meetings by members who happened to be present at the first meeting of the session. The members of the Executive Council should be properly elected by the respective provincial associations, and the council should have more work given to it and greater responsibility placed upon it than in the past.

But this affiliation of the provincial associations with the Dominion Association is only half of what should be done. The principle of affiliation should be extended to embrace the relations of the provincial with the county and city societies. At present this is practically barren ground. The county societies have no relations with the provincial associations. They are casual and independent. Yet there can be no doubt that, to cement the profession together, the bond between the county and provincial societies ought to be quite as close as that between the provincial and national associations.

This then, gentlemen, is what I feel sure we must strive for, and what I ask your co-operation in. Let us begin with the county societies as the centre of things. Let us group, if necessary, several counties into one good district society. Let these elect members as delegates or officers to the respective provincial associations. Where no county societies exist, let the men of that particular region organize one. This has already been proposed for Ontario by Dr. Herbert Bruce, in his recent address as President of the Ontario Medical Association for this year. He said: "I think it very desirable that there should be an increase in the number of small county medical societies, and I should like to suggest that, for this purpose, the province be divided into ten districts corresponding to the ten health districts recently established by the provisions of the new health bill. As there are forty-seven counties in the province, this would mean that each society would include four or five counties, which appears to me to be a practical arrangement. Then the method of securing membership in the Ontario Medical Association would be simplified by accepting the members of these smaller societies, which would obviously be in a better