

never so in the past. No other body of men has such a reputation for unselfish, altruistic devotion to duty. The profession is becoming more crowded, and the income less, but surely we are not forced yet to snarl over such a miserable pittance as these societies are willing to dole out.

These societies are not benevolent societies, in the strict sense of the word. When a man neglects to pay his dues they drop him just as quickly as a regular insurance company. They were formed for the specific purpose of getting life assurance and medical attendance, at the lowest possible figure, and their intention in both cases is to rob the doctor of his proper fee.

How can the medical profession defend itself? Not by Dominion or even Provincial legislation, certainly, if such were possible. In every district there is a medical society, the officers of which could easily reach every member and every doctor practicing in the district, and ask him to sign a declaration that he would not do any lodge work for less than, say, \$5 per year, and would cease to examine candidates for less than, say, \$3, provided every other man in the district would do the same. Only by a united profession can we change our position as beggar to that of prince.

If the Dominion Medical Association first, and afterwards the provincial and local associations, would place on record a motion to the effect, that lodge practice, at such beggarly rates, was most unprofessional, it would be only a few years before the whole question would be in a fair way towards settlement.

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