

his capacity as physician to its members by appointment does not prohibit him from being the examining physician, nor does it prevent physicians from joining these organizations ; indeed, it is probable that a larger number would be more likely to do so. It was stated to the writer quite recently that the Independent Order of Odd-fellows B.U. of the United States, the largest and most influential organization there, have only examining physicians, and includes a great many physicians among its members.

It cannot be said that the movement emanates from any desire on the part of the profession to lessen the amount of their charitable work among the poor ; the latter class are not in the Lodges as a rule. The members of the medical profession, probably more than those of any other calling, are never found wanting when poverty and sickness lay claim to their services, and this they can always be depended upon to be for those deserving or otherwise whom they constantly come across in private practice, or as members of the staffs of the various hospitals and numerous charitable institutions. But what must be opposed is the feature of this wholesale organization which results in compelling medical services insufficiently recompensed, and associated with constant occurrences which are humiliating and detract from the true dignity which the character of our work demands in its performance.

In regard to the position of affairs in this province, the Provincial Board has for several years passed resolutions with a view of minimizing the objectionable features of this character of practice, but, realizing that only radical measures would be of much use, have put matters in such a shape that, if the practitioners of the province will with one accord indorse their action, a riddance will be obtained of this well-recognized abuse. We trust that immediate action will be taken by the various medical organizations of the province, so that those who will place the regulation before the Lieut.-Governor for his sanction, may be able to meet the combined opposition which is threatened with a confidence based on the knowledge, that the Provincial Board has the unanimous support of the profession who appointed them, in their efforts to maintain the honor and welfare of its members.