

ings to the human race that must arise from the wise munificence of these noble men! Millions yet unborn shall speak their names with feelings of reverence and love, nor will other monuments be needed to make their names immortal. In this connection, I would suggest that a committee of this Association be appointed, to report at the next annual meeting upon the best means of establishing one or more laboratories where original investigation in medical studies may be carried on.

Medical societies constitute a most important factor in the advancement of medical knowledge, and it is much to be regretted that they are not everywhere established. It is safe to say that the maintenance of active local societies contributes immensely to the knowledge of their members by encouraging careful observations in private practice and more extensive reading and research. Aside from a scientific point of view, the harmony engendered by these meetings eliminates much of the jealousy and misunderstanding that are so humiliating and so subversive of individual happiness and public respect. The general organization of small local societies would be a sure means of improving the representation at the larger ones, and would secure to them papers and discussions of a higher character. Provision has been made in Ontario by the Medical Act for the formation of territorial associations in the different electoral divisions, and in some of them most prosperous societies have existed for many years, and the reports of their proceedings constitute valuable additions to medical literature.

Of all the means of medical progress, few could be more advantageously utilized than the accumulated experience of men in private practice if they could be induced generally to keep a systematic record of their more important cases. Time, skill, and the privilege of post-mortem examinations are essential to the successful recording of cases, and their absence is doubtless the chief cause of the neglect so universal in this matter. Time so consumed would be more than repaid by the increased skill acquired; the high standard of qualification now required of graduates should remove the second difficulty, and if requests for autopsies were made in all cases necessary to verify a diag-