

headache. Owing to the rapid transition from a lower level to a higher, the blood pressure does not steady itself, as in mountain-climbing. Variations are seen here, too, in individuals, as in mountain-climbing. All the observations tend to show that the blood pressure is increased but slightly, owing to the free access of air. The temperament of the individual will have a special influence upon the blood pressure. Nervous fatigue and nervous tension will lower it. In the case of Beaumont referred to, he was said to be remarkably calm, his pulse scarcely reaching 85, but he had his moments of cardiac palpitation. Naturally of a calm disposition, his added experience and long practice in flying would have considerable to do with any excitation. It has not yet been established that aeroplane flying causes any particular illness. The most constant phenomenon observed is the increase in blood pressure.

The Maritime Medical Association has passed into history. This was accomplished at its recent annual meeting in Halifax, and it was done by unanimous vote, we are told, without discussion and without regret. The object in dissolution is, of course, apparent. It is a part of the policy of the Maritime medical profession, following upon the discontinuance of publication of the *Maritime Medical News*, to do all they can to promote the interests of the Canadian Medical Association, and of course the official organ of the national medical body. This action will put a damper on the proposed formation of a somewhat similar medical society for Western Canada, the sometime mooted organization, which would be in close touch with the medical life and progress of the West.

The passing of the only interprovincial medical society in Canada leaves the road open to a closer affiliation of the provincial societies with the parent Association. But to round off the reorganization of the profession throughout the Dominion, as contemplated through the new Constitution and By-Laws of the Canadian Medical Association, it will first be necessary for each provincial medical society to establish affiliation by effecting the required and necessary resolutions, and then to proceed to affiliate with them the county and city societies in existence, or hereafter to be established.

So far as the Province of Ontario is concerned it would appear advisable to proceed to the establishment of territorial medical societies in affiliation with the Ontario Medical Association, which