

Association. The College of Physicians and Surgeons is, as you know, the legally constituted governing body of the profession and has more particularly to deal with the educational standard of its members and the professional conduct of those enjoying its license.

The Ontario Medical Association is a voluntary organization that has existed in the Province for thirty-five years. It has had the support of the best men of our profession and often times at considerable sacrifice to themselves for they did its work willingly and cheerfully so that the lamp might be kept burning. We believe, however, that these same men would agree with us that the time has come when the association must take a deeper and more far-reaching interest in the rank and file of the profession and the questions that immediately effect them if it is going to survive as real force in our medical life.

First—Less than twenty per cent. of the three thousand medical men in the Province are members of the association. Secondly—The association is only of value to those who attend its meetings and, to those, for the three or four days of the annual session. Thirdly—There is no permanent means through which any question may be submitted to the individual members throughout the country. Fourthly—We have no medical publication that speaks the mind of the members of the association. These are some of the defects of our present organization. The question naturally arises how are these to be remedied. We believe that the organization of the county societies will go a very long way towards a glorified Provincial Association.

We believe the next step would be the employment of a paid secretary, with an office in Toronto, who would devote his whole time to the welfare of the profession and whose duty it would be to communicate by means of literature and letters with the county associations all questions that would have a bearing on the position of the medical men.

We believe that when the Provincial Association can be of real service three hundred and sixty-five days in the year to the county associations and through them to their individual members, there will be no question about membership or fees—rather men will consider it a duty and a privilege to belong to an organization that is seeking to place its own members in possession of the very best conditions under which to practice their profession."

Dr. Edmund E. King speaking of the institutions of the irregulars referred to a recent visit to a number of their institutions. Posing as a man who for some twenty years had been intimately connected with the drug trade he was assured that this would allow him six months off his course—the reason of this when studying a so-called drugless