

A. No, your Lordship. When a physician makes application for membership in that association, that application is passed upon by a membership committee. They consider the qualifications of the applicant—that is, the scientific work that he has done in this department since the time of his graduation.

Q. How do they find that out, Dr. Starr?

A. By his writings, by the work he has done in his particular district and by contact with, and inquiry of, men in his district as to the type and character of the work that he has done. I might point out to your Lordship that work of this kind cannot be hidden. If a man is doing any work of moment it is known to his colleagues. Take, for instance, our own work in the Children's Hospital. We have worked out a system of prevention of deformities and of correcting existing deformities which we feel is distinctly in advance of the work that is being done by other members of the profession.

Q. The association does not lend any lustre to the name of the man who does that good work—if it is good?

A. It does, indeed, your Lordship.

Q. Because he only gets there because he has qualified himself; that shows he is qualified? Now if that be so, Dr. Starr, what is the benefit of membership in that association unless they have a standard of examination and some way of testing it?

A. They have this test, your Lordship, which is much more adequate, it seems to me, than an examination. The applicant for membership in the association has to pass in the opinion of his colleagues a high standard in that particular department. He has got to come up to a certain standard of scientific attainment, and if he does not reach that high standard of attainment he is turned down for one or two years' further study in foreign clinics, and it is suggested that that course should be pursued.

Q. Take a concrete case. If a man in Toronto wishes to obtain membership in that association, he might be regarded here as thoroughly qualified and eligible for membership, but the association would not make any inquiry as to the opinion of his medical friends here, would it, as to his qualifications or attainments?

A. His qualifications, your Lordship, are judged by a jury of his peers—men who are amply qualified to judge as to whether or not he has reached or attained a sufficiently high