

come a branch of the British Medical Association. There is a general feeling that such a consummation would be very pleasant in many respects, but at the same time there is grave fear in the minds of the majority that it might interfere with the prosperity of the Association, especially in regard to the numbers in attendance at the meetings. The committee to whom the matter was referred reported adversely, and the amendment was not carried.

WE SHALL BE RESPONSIBLE.

The venerable Dr. Bredin, who has been in practice since the year 1845, came all the way from his home in Eastern Ontario, near Millbrook, to attend the Ontario Medical Association. He occupied a seat as usual in the front row of the audience, and raised his voice but once during the meeting. It was to some purpose that he spoke. Dr. C. J. O. Hastings had concluded his valuable paper on "The Condition of Ontario Children," which will be found elsewhere in this issue. Sir James Grant, of Ottawa, in a speech of great vigor had supported Dr. Hastings' position, and evinced a wide and thorough acquaintance with every phase of school hygiene and with the necessity for arousing ourselves to action in regard to it.

At this moment Dr. Bredin rose, and, leaning on his staff, said in a clear voice: "Mr. President, I am an old man. I have been in practice since the year 1845. I know the truth of what these gentlemen say, and if we do not act upon it, we shall be responsible."

These few words produced a deep impression on the audience, and it is probable that the success of the discussion which immediately followed was at least partly due to Dr. Bredin's effort. It was worth a good deal to all present to hear a voice from the farthest verge of professional life speak so well and wisely, and to know that one of the oldest members of the Association was as much alive as the youngest could be to a question of such importance in modern medicine.