

attention, and it is a debt of honor to try and meet the immediate necessities of their doctors and pharmacists."

To-morrow afternoon there will be placed before you for consideration the results of the labors of Dr. Wallace's committee upon Affiliation with the County and Town Medical Societies. I trust that you will decide to adopt the recommendations offered.

Were admission to the County and Town Society, within whose borders a physician practises, made the one portal of entrance to the Provincial body, and through the latter to the Dominion Association, all doubt would be removed as to the eligibility of the candidate. He would literally be judged by his peers, a truly British method. On the other hand, the impossibility of obtaining admission to the Dominion or Provincial body, if refused by the local society, would serve to regulate the steps of the beginner in practice. It is in the smaller towns and country districts that conditions are most favorable for mutual misunderstandings. Only those who have been brought up in such surroundings can appreciate how hard it is for physicians to keep on good terms with one another. The practice of medicine calls equally for the exercise of the heart and the head. The association of all the physicians of a district in a society where they may frequently meet with one another, and so learn to value the good points, and excuse the bad points of their confreres, will do much to unite the profession in this Province, and prevent misunderstandings.

These beneficial results are obvious, and extremely valuable, but there is another end to be gained from the scheme proposed, an end to which no real approach has ever been made by our Canadian profession hitherto, namely, the enrolment of every member of the profession in an organized whole, which may speak with the authority consequent upon its composition, upon any matter which affects its welfare or that of the health of the public. At present, associations and societies may only speak for their respective members, and a government may decide to consider these non-representative; whereas there are many questions, the solution of which cannot be properly secured without the aid of our profession. Assemblies, Conferences and Synods speak for every member of the various religious bodies, and the Benchers for the lawyers, but our profession has no united voice, nor will it have until each practitioner be enrolled in a common membership of a common body and recognizes that he belongs to a guild, the interests of which are incompatible with all professional bitterness, all rancour or personal hostility. The brethren must dwell together in unity.