

compact and thickly populated, so that every member is within easy touch, whereas we are scattered over an area equal in extent to the whole of Europe, with a population about the same as that of the city of London. In Great Britain nearly all the smaller societies are branches of the greater, and are governed by the same rules and regulations. Here, in the nature of things, each medical society is a complete entity, and no one is in any way related to the other. Though this may look like a commendable independence, it is a source of weakness, and cuts us off from a great deal of useful information. The Canadian Medical Association should be a more or less synthetical body, built up by representatives of every medical association in the country—not that I would exclude any registered practitioner. Let every medical man who can, feel it to be his duty to attend, but let us have delegates. I would suggest that the secretary of every medical association in the country bring, or send, a condensed report of the year's proceedings to be read at the annual meeting of the parent society; that good papers be re-read and fully discussed—the papers would be new to many and the discussions more general and more valuable. I would suggest that the travelling expenses to the general meeting of the secretary be paid out of the funds of his own local association (excepting, probably, when we meet in the neighborhood of the Rocky Mountains). The amount of information thus to be gained would make these meetings extremely attractive and successful, for, believe me, though the social feature of these meetings is in nowise to be despised, few men will annually leave their homes and their work for such an inducement alone. Their health can be recruited at some more convenient place or in some more economical way. The only one lasting incentive is the amount of good gained, the number of new facts brought home, and the practical lessons learned. This only will command good attendance and ensure success.

Education, professional and general, has so often been dealt with, that I approach the subject with considerable hesitation; and yet its importance compels me to bring it to your notice. I should like to remind you that we are all shareholders in this