

before me, I feel assured that it will continue to meet with the support and approbation not only of the medical practitioners in the larger cities of the Dominion, but of the medical profession throughout the length and breadth of the land. In the first place, gentlemen, allow me to offer, on the part of the medical men of Toronto, a most cordial and hearty welcome to the delegates from the United States, as well as those from the eastern and more distant portions of the Dominion, and to invite them to join in all the discussions or debates, and to consider themselves for the time being in every particular as members of the Association.

When we see the success which has attended the formation of these societies in the United Kingdom, and in almost every other country of Europe; when we see the ponderous volumes yearly issued by our hard-working, industrious, and painstaking friends and professional brethren in the United States; it ought to stimulate and induce the medical men of the Dominion to follow so excellent an example. When we consider the vast amount of practice and observation which is daily and hourly going on, not only in the larger cities but in the surrounding districts of the Dominion, we cannot but feel with regret that an enormous fund of valuable information and experience is and has been allowed to run almost entirely to waste for a long succession of years. By joining such an Association as that which I have the honor to preside over this day, the numerous body of our professional brethren extensively engaged as general practitioners, who spend long and active lives in the practice of their profession, would undoubtedly be able to contribute inexhaustible stores of medical experience of the highest interest and value, and which, but for such a society, would remain uncommunicated, and therefore lost to the profession. The local medical societies do some good, but the results of their meetings are rarely published, and therefore many valuable cases never meet the eye of the profession generally, and are thereby lost to the world. There is, however, one point of very considerable moment to which I beg to draw the attention of the younger members of the profession :—Many