

forty-eight hours after the operation. Surely our contemporary will not fail in this month's issue to fulminate his direst anathemas against the innocent or guilty occasion of this invasion of the sanctity of private life and professional decorum. Far be it from us to impute to the surgeons whose names the paragraph contains the most remote collusion with the ubiquitous reporter. We simply cite the passage to direct our contemporary's attention to the fact that, judged by his own criterion, his own colleagues could not be held immaculate, as he claims; and to suggest a little more charitable consideration in the future, since the decrees of fate are equal, and the misfortune which befalls one man to-day may be another's lot to-morrow.

#### PROPOSED PROVINCIAL MEDICAL ASSOCIATION.

As will be seen by the circular letter published below, there is a movement on foot to establish a Provincial Medical Association—a movement that seems likely to be successful. It has long been felt that the Canada Medical Association does not meet the requirements of the medical men either in the eastern or western parts of so large a country as our Dominion; and that when a meeting was held in one terminal part, very few members in the central or other portions could participate. Out of a professional body numbering something between three and four thousand, from fifty to a hundred were all that could be brought together at any one meeting. This fact, though to be regretted, has been in part due to the apathy of a large number who might have attended, but chiefly due to the expense, loss of time, and fatigue connected with a long journey. When a medical man attends an Association Meeting, he does so partly from duty, partly from pleasure, partly—and this should be the main reason—from an interest that all should take in the scientific progress of his profession. When one takes a holiday, one wants to leave the shop behind; and pleasant as it is to renew old associations and meet old friends, those that desire to do so are debarred from this even by the present state of affairs.

It has been urged as one reason why the Canada Medical Association should be better supported (and we have always regretted that it has not been), that local interests, especially in educational matters, should be done away with as not serving best the profession at large, and that by establishing a live Dominion Association, the greatest service would be done in that direction. This, we grant, would be desirable in every way if feasible; but time has shown that it is not so, and hence this project seems likely to accomplish, for Ontario at least, the desired end. Our columns will show that one or two County or Territorial Associations have been heard from favourably, and doubtless when others hold their meetings they will, as they ought, individually and collectively, enter heart and soul into the good work.

We are requested to call the attention of the profession to the matter; and Secretaries of Territorial or County Associations who have not received circulars will oblige by communicating with Dr. J. E. White, Carleton-Street, Toronto, as he has been unable to obtain the addresses of all. It is desirable, too, that where there are no such Associations, individuals should give expression to their opinions either through the medical journals or by communicating with the Chairman or Secretary of the Provincial Committee.

#### COMMUNICATION.

To the Secretary of the Medical Society.

DEAR SIR,—There appears to be a widespread desire among the members of the profession in this Province to establish a Provincial Medical Society.

It is hardly necessary to speak of the value and importance of such a Society from a scientific point of view, as that will immediately be recognized by all. But apart from that, it will be calculated to advance mutual interest, encourage unity and harmonious action, stimulate a free interchange of thought, develop increased desire for a knowledge of the professional literature of the present day, promote social and friendly feeling, and minimize that undesirable distrust and exclusiveness so commonly attributed to the profession, besides affording better opportunities than at present exist in having some place of meeting convenient to the majority.

It is a well-known fact that the State Medi-