

law to provide security for costs. The profession in this Province has most unjustly the reputation of being so well organized that the press calls us a "close corporation." In this, at least, the press is quite misinformed. We are the loosest kind of a corporation. The patent medicine man, the manufacturers and even the press are pretty well organized, but, alas, for the medical men, they have no real organization at all. It is high time they had, and if they are going to stand any chance in the onslaught against them by Osteopaths, Christian Scientists, and all sorts of fakirs who desire to get into the practice of physic by some easy route, they will need to organize without much delay. At the risk of departing from my subject, I wish to refer to the practice of the Legislature, of giving entrance to the ranks of not only the medical, but to the other professions by Act of Parliament. There have been some flagrant abuses of this matter. We ought to impress the injustice of it upon members of the Legislature with whom we are acquainted, and endeavor to show them that there should be only one road to the ranks of this profession, the one we have all travelled and which is no "royal road."

There is a feeling of security and strength in organization. It provides a sort of bond amongst us. It causes one to feel that, if attacked, he is not fighting alone, but that he has the moral as well as the financial backing of his professional brethren behind him. No one of us knows the day he may be attacked by an unjust prosecution, therefore it behooves us, one and all, to take such precautions as we deem expedient in view of the evil hour.

At the 1900 meeting of the Canadian Medical Association, the then President, Dr. R. W. Powell, of Ottawa, said in the course of an excellent address:

"It must be understood and published broadcast that our profession is too sacred a thing to allow it to be trampled upon with impunity. Actions for malpractice will surely continue, and if deserved cannot be defended; but unrighteous and unholy suits of this kind must be fought unhesitatingly and unsparingly, and when the public know that they cannot frighten a doctor into paying up hush money, but rather that he will be backed up and supported by his brethren, and their action bring down on their own heads publicity and shame and redound in the long run to the credit of him whom they are trying to disgrace, such actions will be few and far between."

It was, perhaps, a direct result of this address that the Canadian Medical Protective Association was organized at Winnipeg in 1901. It is an association of the right kind.

In 1902 it had 242 members, and last year the membership had increased to 471. The object of this Association is to protect its members