

Much useful information is distributed at these annual gatherings. It is not asking too much to suggest that it would be more in the right direction if practically all the practitioners of the province sent in their annual fees, even if they could not attend the meeting. This would enable the officers to issue the proceedings in book form, of which the members would receive a copy. At the meetings in June 1903, Mr. I. H. Cameron, of Toronto, moved, seconded by Dr. McKinnon, of Guelph, that at the meeting of 1904 the Ontario Medical Association shall become a branch of the British Medical Association. This will require careful consideration. If it means the taking of the British Medical Journal, the annual fee will become \$5.00 at least. A week prior to Dr. Ross's departure for Egypt and other eastern places, he entertained at dinner at the King Edward Hotel the officers and members of the various committees. At this gathering, the affairs of the Association were fully discussed, and many of the preliminary arrangements completed. On this occasion, Dr. Tunstall, of Vancouver, and Dr. J. Alex. Hutchinson, of Montreal, were present. Much useful work was done for the Canadian Medical Association as well as for the Ontario Medical Association.

3. The third association that should appeal to every physician in Canada is the Canadian Medical Protective Association. At another page, we give much valuable information regarding this Association. On former occasions we have called attention to the splendid work this association is doing for its members. But why should it not be in a position to do the same for every practitioner in the Dominion? The officers of this Association are now making an appeal for additional members; and we sincerely trust the appeal shall not be in vain, but yield excellent results. Those who are members, or who intend now to remit their fees, can be of great service to the Association by speaking to their neighboring practitioners, and doing a little missionary work for the Association. A study of the suits against practitioners reveals the facts that in almost every instance the suit is an unjust one, and the plaintiffs have no means. This means that these suits are usually speculative ones, and that the defendants, when they win, cannot recover their costs. The expenses in these cases are always heavy. Mutual co-operation among the doctors for their own protection against such actions is one of the most praiseworthy efforts before their attention at the present moment. The Annual fee is \$2.50; which is the only source of revenue, but it is enough if the profession will only respond to the call of the officers, who are: President, Dr. R. W. Powell, Ottawa; Vice-President, Dr. J. Camarind, Sherbrooke; Treasurer, Dr. J. A. Grant, Jr., Ottawa; and Secretary, Dr. F. W. McKinnon, Ottawa.