

of this Branch will agree with me, that this disease cannot be cured or stamped out by the efforts of private benevolence alone, and that it is the duty of the great public, through its representatives elected with the mandate to faithfully govern the State, to take immediate steps to put in action the various means which it is agreed by all will be in time effective in abolishing the danger and suffering caused by tuberculosis.

The money to be expended by our rulers will not be great, considering the enormous results to be obtained; and the public has long ago given them the mandate to enact the laws required.

ONTARIO MEDICAL ASSOCIATION.

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IN June we have our annual meeting of the Ontario Medical Association and in September the Dominion Exposition. These gatherings have one great purpose in common, that is the diffusion of knowledge; but, as so many physicians do not appear to set any value on medical societies or associations, it may be of some interest to enquire whether these industrial gatherings are of any use to our farmers and manufacturers.

It is well within the memory of many of us who are not yet aged, though bearing about on our bodies the wrinkles, bald scalps, or gray hairs, the stigmata of age, to recall the time when our industrial classes were circumscribed by a very limited horizon. The young farmer was quite content to follow in the traditions and methods of his forefathers, and the manufacturer never thought of going beyond his own neighborhood for orders. A few decades ago there came a demand for a wider outlook, isolation became intolerable, the value of association began to be realized, and the result was the inauguration of townships and county fairs, provincial, national and international expositions, special courses in our universities, and the establishment of agricultural colleges and schools for manual training and domestic science. So long as our farmers and manufacturers remained isolated units, there were stagnation and degeneration, but when opportunities were provided for study, for the interchange of ideas, comparison of methods, competition in skill and ingenuity, progress and prosperity began, and today we are successful competitors in all the markets of the world, and our trade returns show a commercial activity that compares favorably with that of the foremost nations.

The same principles that aid industrial prosperity, are equally potent in advancing the science and art of medicine. Here too, isolation