

meetings many friendships are made which last a lifetime. As Horace says, "There is no pleasure equal to that given by a pleasant friend," and the members of the profession from the extreme limits of this great Dominion, meet and are brought together under the most favorable circumstances. Teachers meet their old pupils, and students their old companions, and, perhaps, rivals. The mystery and clouds which enveloped the old professor, who was looked upon with awe and from a distance, are now dispelled and reveal a human being even as themselves. The man who is only known by his books, or by what he has written in the leading journals, and whose opinion, perhaps, has been regarded as almost infallible, often appears as a very ordinary individual; others, again, of whom we have never heard, impress us much by their force of character and the intimate knowledge of their profession which they possess. The man from the East who is slow to adopt new ideas and new methods, is rendered almost breathless by the procedures, apparently most successful, of his professional brother from the West. One reacts on the other; the pace of one is hastened and that of the other retarded, to the benefit of both.

This certainly is a great opportunity for all of us to interchange ideas, and such meetings tend to weld the profession together and to obliterate sectional jealousies. It is well sometimes to remember that we are all Canadians, as well as medical men, and that our interests are those of the Empire, as well as of Canada. This community of interest will be much strengthened and accentuated if the Dominion Registration Bill, which has, during the last session, been passed by the Dominion Parliament, be, with the consent of the various provinces, put into force.

#### DR. RODDICK'S BILL.

Ever since I commenced the study of medicine in 1869, I have heard about a Dominion Registration Bill. For years, at every meeting of this Association, it was discussed. Several bills were drawn up, and such men as the Hon. Dr. Parker, of Halifax, Sir Charles Tupper, Dr. R. P. Howard, and others, were engaged in trying to frame a bill which would be acceptable to all parties, but all in vain; failure after failure resulted, and for a time it was given up in despair. At last a champion arose who valiantly attacked and solved the problem. You all know him—Dr. T. G. Roddick. I congratulate him on the courage, persistency, skill, and ability with which he has pushed through his Medical Bill in the face of many obstacles. It remains now for the different provinces to pass a short Act by which the Dominion Bill can be