

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 in 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 has been discussed. Several bills were drawn up and such men as the Hon. Dr. Parker, of Halifax, Sir Chas. 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 the dragon and successfully vanquished him. 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 worked. The Dominion is ready for the carrying out of the provisions of the Bill as soon as the provinces agree to it, and I trust that no one province will decline to act and so selfishly render the Dominion Bill inoperative. The first step has been taken and the first barrier overcome; let us hope now that the other obstacles will soon be removed, and then—a man who has fulfilled all the provincial requirements and passed before the Dominion Board will have the whole Empire ready for him to practice in and all the public services at his disposal. Why, I know of several cases where men, serving as surgeons during the late war in South Africa, could not attend Imperial troops because, forsooth, they had not a license to practice in Great Britain, nor could they ever hope to join the Army and Navy Medical Services.

Such a condition of things is a reflection on our citizenship and a slur on our Imperialism. It only remains for the provinces to remove the