

carrying out such investigations both a thoroughly scientific knowledge and a perfectly disinterested mind are necessary. The great aim and object in view is to bring to the surface the principles of truth and honour, no matter how trying the attendant circumstances. Medical men should bear in remembrance the responsible and dignified position they are called upon to fill in medical enquiry. It is not upholding the status of our profession to find its members become partisans in courts of law. Cases of malpractice are not, fortunately, of frequent occurrence, and when such do arise the professional man should never be found occupying an unenviable position, as the instigator of enquiry for purely selfish and personal motives. The whole profession suffers by disregard to ordinary professional courtesy. In courts of law our opinions wield a recognized power and influence, and it is gratifying to observe that in the various medical schools, the subject of medical jurisprudence is receiving well deserved consideration. Through the various medical Societies any professional irregularities in the law courts should be reported, and, by this Association a power exercised that would be productive of the most beneficial results. Regularities as well as irregularities should be noted by those interested in the welfare of the medical profession. In Canada we are yearly enlarging and increasing our medical periodicals, which give evidence of improvement by the abundance, variety and general excellence of the various contributions and selections. How is our Canadian Medical literature to be supported? This is a question which must strike forcibly the most ordinary observer. In the larger cities as well as the rural districts there are those who, from their position, experience and knowledge of matters medical, could do much towards building up in this country such an expression of opinion as would tend materially to strengthen and consolidate the very best interests of our profession. It is generally acknowledged that there are