

tion, it is true, has been in the last ten years steadily increasing in numbers, but the increase up to a recent period has been slow. The establishment of the *Journal* two years ago gave an enormous impetus to its growth. With the inception of the *Journal*, the conditions of membership were radically changed. In former years a member paid \$2.00 annual subscription, and paid it only when he attended the annual meetings. It is perfectly clear that with an annual attendance varying from one to three hundred the amount of money in the treasury was rarely sufficient to do more than pay the ordinary expenses of the secretary's office, together with the expenses incident to the annual meeting. The activities of the association along general lines were extremely hampered. Without an official organ and without money, there was very little that could be efficiently done. Now we have changed all that. Thanks to the labors of the Finance Committee of the past two years, we have established an efficient journal of the association, which, under the able editorship of Dr. Andrew Macphail, has already won a place for itself in the periodical literature of the medical world. We have hopes that within a short time we shall be able to make it a weekly instead of a monthly. That will, however, depend upon the support given the association by the profession at large throughout the country. In the second place, the establishment of the *Journal* enabled the association to raise the membership fee to a reasonable amount, and to make membership in the association and the payment of the annual dues a permanent matter. I am instructed by the secretary and by the treasurer to say that this does not mean that the association has grown suddenly rich. In spite of the increased income, the necessary expenses connected with the publication of the *Journal* have eaten up nearly all the revenue. But the profession now has an organ to represent it in Canada; and while it is yet too soon to expect that it can give adequate representation to all the branches of the profession, and though it must naturally fall short as yet of the standard which many of you hope for it, it has nevertheless done extraordinary good work, and is a journal of which we all feel proud.

During the last two years a second big piece of work has been carried on by your officers. I refer to the affiliation of the various Provincial Associations with the Canadian Medical Association. At present all of the provinces save one have declared themselves in favor of affiliation, and have become affiliated. I am convinced that this work will be of the greatest benefit to the profession in Canada.