

have been *exclusively* confined to "the medical societies," and in the second, that there were no grounds for any "misunderstanding in the mode of calling the convention."

At a meeting of the Medico-Chirurgical Society of this city, held on the 25th Jan., 1845, we find recorded the following minute, in reference to previous correspondence held on the subject:—"The secretary (Dr Badgley) then read a letter from Dr. G. R. Grasett, secretary of the Toronto Medico-Chirurgical Society, *offering their hearty co-operation* in carrying out those measures which may tend to advantage either the mutual interests of those societies respectively, or of the medical profession of Canada generally." The following resolutions were then moved by Dr. Badgley, seconded by Dr. Fraser, and carried unanimously:—"That this society accept with pleasure *the proffered co-operation* of the Toronto Medico-Chirurgical Society, in carrying out those measures, *originated by them*, for the advancement of medical science, the elevation of medical character, and the establishment of union and cordial feeling among the members of the profession, the tendency of which cannot but prove of paramount importance to the profession and the public," and 2nd—"That the secretary put himself in communication with the *secretary of the Quebec Medical Society* with a view to establish a friendly correspondence with that society on the subject." In these two resolutions, then, of this society, with the correspondence of the Toronto society, upon which they are based, we find the germ gently developing itself, which, when ripened, was to have brought forth such valued fruits. The connexion with the Quebec society was now commenced, and its *cheerful acquiescence* in the scheme was shortly afterwards announced through its secretary, an extract of whose letter we shall shortly subjoin.

At a meeting held on the 8th of February, we find the following minute:—"Dr. Badgley submitted a series of resolutions for the adoption of the society, having for their object the formation of a general association of the members of the medical profession in the Province;" the consideration of which was postponed to the 8th of March, which was appointed a day of special meeting for the purpose. These resolutions were as follow, the italics being our own:—

I. *Resolved*:—"That, with a view to carry out the objects originally contemplated in establishing this Society, and that the Members of the profession generally, scattered through this extensive Province, may feel that there exists a centre round which they can rally, *It be proposed to the Toronto Medico-Chirurgical Society, and the Quebec Medical Society, that a general Association be at once formed, under the name of "The Medical Association of Canada," and that the Members of the existing Societies, and of all such other Societies as shall hereafter be formed for the same purposes, be considered de facto Members.*

II. *Resolved*:—"That the objects of this General Association shall be, the advancement of Medical Science in the

most extended sense of the term, but especially, the acquisition of statistical information regarding this country, as tending to settle the mean duration of life, under the peculiarities of climate, geographical position, geological structure, and atmospherical influences, the protection of the interests of the qualified and licensed practitioners against the inroads and usurpations of the unlicensed, the establishment of that union and good feeling among the members of the profession, which should characterize men engaged in the same pursuits, and animated by the same desire to see their profession in Canada occupy its merited position, and the formation of a fund for the relief of incapacitated or decayed, but deserving members, their widows and orphans.

III. *Resolved*:—"That the Association shall meet in each successive year, at a city or town in Eastern or Western Canada; that the *Members of the different branch Societies* who shall be present at the annual meeting, shall represent the societies to which they belong respectively; that *members of the profession not belonging to such branch Societies shall be admitted into the Association by ballot*, on presentation of the degree diploma, or license under which they are practising; and that the transactions of the Association be yearly published, under the supervision of the respective Committees who have conducted the investigations to which the several papers refer, and of a general Committee of Management.

IV. *Resolved*:—"That the annual subscriptions be devoted to meeting the necessary expenses attendant on the publication of their transactions, and for the ordinary business of the Society, and to offering prizes for the best communications on subjects of interest, to be determined upon at the annual meetings.

V. *Resolved*:—"That *Members of the profession not being already Members of the existing Societies, or of any other Branch or District Societies, to be hereafter formed, be required to pay, in addition to their annual subscription, an entrance fee: but that a strong recommendation be made for the establishment of such District Societies, with a view to their general amalgamation.*

Finally, at the special meeting held on the 8th March, Dr. Crawford in the chair, after a lengthened conversation on the "suggestions," conveyed under the name of "resolutions," just recorded, and which had been submitted to the meeting, it was moved by Dr. Nelson, seconded by Dr. Bowie, and resolved unanimously:—"That, in the opinion of this society, it is expedient that a general association be formed among the members of the profession in this province, with a view to the advancement of medical science, and the protection of the interests of members of the profession;—and 2nd, moved by Dr. Arnoldi, seconded by Dr. Trestler, it was resolved—"That the secretary be instructed to transmit a copy of the above resolutions, and of the suggestions submitted to this meeting, as indicative of the objects which this society deems essential, or worthy of consideration in the formation of such an association, to the secretaries of the Toronto Medico-Chirurgical Society and the Quebec Medical Society, with a request that they be submitted to those societies for their consideration and adoption." We think now, that whatever previous suggestions had been thrown out as to the propriety of an association of the kind, for any or all the measures contemplated, the