

set one province up against the other. This whole subject, if brought under the attention of the proper authorities, will in time be rectified, and thus much good accomplished. By the British North America Act educational matters are under the control of the several provinces. This will require a change so far as our profession is concerned, and surely what is identical with the dearest interests of our common country will not be refused. It is now twenty-four years since this Medical Association was organized, and during that period its ebb and flow has been more or less spasmodic, and why so, it is difficult to define. This Montreal meeting is certainly most successful, there being quite a large attendance, members being here from the Atlantic and Pacific Provinces, as well as from many intermediate points. The papers read were of a most practical character, and the demonstrations at the hospitals point out in the most undoubted manner that medical science in Canada is keeping pace with that of the outside world. I am confident the President of the Royal College of Surgeons, Mr. Bryant, who is with us to-day, will carry back to England a most favourable impression of our medical schools and our hospitals. Such gatherings as the present cannot fail to be productive of benefit. The intellectual friction resulting from the commingling of ideas and exchanging of sentiments, in the discussion of the various papers brought before the Association, must result in much good to our profession. Attendance at these Association meetings is a duty the members of the medical profession owe to their constituents; by coming here they see the evidence of the progress being made in the vast collection of medical and surgical appliances, and, in fact, everything that tends to the welfare of the public requiring their assistance in their particular spheres of duty. I feel confident that the sentiments expressed by our worthy President, Dr. Roddick, as to the languishing of our Society are overdrawn—it appears to me that fuller life and vigour is being thrown into the Association,—and at the next meeting at Ottawa I hope to see a large increase in the attendance from the various sections of the Dominion. Medical gatherings are now the order of the day. Recently a great congress of Hygiene, numbering some