

and Surgeons, who stand, naturally, as the representatives of the profession in this province, nor has this slight attempt been followed by any measure of success.

The Ontario Medical Association, as the Provincial Branch of the Dominion Association, has been labouring for some years to evolve a scheme, and basing its efforts, to an extent, upon the plan followed so successfully by our confrères in the United States, hopes this fall to put the matter through its final stages, and secure a ready and certain method of bringing medical opinion to bear the full weight to which its training and intelligence entitle it.

It is unnecessary to point out to this body the need which has brought this action about. There are so many questions in which it is highly necessary that the profession speak out with a concerted voice so that the public may be informed, or warned it may be; or, on the other hand, that a professional body exists, which the representatives of the public may consult before legislation is finally enacted. The success of this Academy is largely due to the influence it has exerted upon such questions as the Workmen's Compensation Act—the presentation of evidence before the Medical Commission, etc., and those who attended our annual meeting last May and listened to the reports of our various committees, must have been amazed at the scope of our energies. If the Academy of the capital of the province could accomplish so much, what cannot be effected by a properly organized body representing the entire medical opinion of the Province and later of the Dominion, if we can induce the profession of the other provinces to follow our example? Had a Dominion body existed, such as I have indicated, we should not have seen a body of laymen appointed to tell the profession what to do medically for the returned soldiers.

To my way of thinking, whether it be in matters military, hospital, or of public health, the effect of legislation has been to bring it about that our profession has been degraded to be the hewers of wood and drawers of water for those who advertise themselves as being business men, and this reproach "that we of the profession are not business men" is often hurled at our heads. By the re-organization which is planned, every reputable physician in the province will have an opportunity of expressing his views upon all matters of public import medically, and in such a way that no legislative body can afford to pass them over lightly.

While the public has a duty to the profession, the profession on its own side has a duty to the public, and the occurrence of such unfortunate incidents as took place in connexion with a well-