

duction of British Columbia, by the appointment of a Vice-President and Secretary from that Province. Some changes of programme will be inaugurated at this meeting, whereby it is hoped the proceedings may be made more interesting and instructive.

In order to foster the interests of this Association, a more intimate relationship should be established between it and those of a provincial character, and local societies should be established in those provinces where they do not now exist. I would suggest the appointment of a committee, which might confer with existing societies, and report to this Association as to the best means of maintaining and increasing its influence. A relationship such as exists between the great American Medical Association and the various State societies might form a ground-work upon which to build a scheme. While on this point, I will make the following quotation from the report of the Committee on Organization, and presented at the recent meeting of the American Medical Association in Chicago: "The three objects of paramount importance to be accomplished by medical organization are (1) the promotion of direct personal and social intercourse between physicians, by which mutual respect, personal friendship and unity of sentiment are greatly promoted; (2) the more rapid diffusion of medical knowledge, scientific and practical; and (3) the developing, unifying, concentrating and giving efficient practical expression of the sentiments, wishes and policy of the profession concerning its educational, legal and sanitary welfare, and the relations of the latter to the community as a whole." A committee giving due prominence to these considerations, and taking advantage of the experience of similar association in other countries, might form a scheme which, if acted upon, would be of the greatest advantage to the profession throughout the whole Dominion.

As an example of what might be accomplished by greater unity I would mention suppression of the evil which we have to contend against in the matter of lodge or contract practice. No one who understands the kind of work will deny that the system is, as a general rule, one of great unfairness, so far as the medical profession is concerned. I speak from personal experience,