

own country? It is surely good economy from a national stand-point to preserve the lives of the people,—that medical science should be encouraged and fostered and not left entirely to private enterprise. That nothing should be done by the Federal or Provincial Parliaments for the cure of the diseased, and for the proper and thorough education of men in the curative art, is a standing wonder, if not a constant reflection on the wisdom of our legislatures. Although long overlooked and neglected, here is now an opportunity whereby the Government can aid and assist the profession in creating a qualification for Canada, either by a University after the model of the University of London, or by "The College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada" on the same principle. In 1876 the Government of Nova Scotia created a Provincial University for all Nova Scotia, the charter of which still exists—but ceased operations, owing to the withdrawal of the Government grants in 1880 or 1881. The medical schools of the Austro-Hungarian Empire are supported by Government, also Sweden, Belgium, Denmark, Italy, Portugal, Brazil, &c. Is it too much to ask the Government of Canada to aid the profession in this matter? I think not, and I think the voice of the profession should now rally around Dr. Roddick as our leader, presenting our case before Parliament at the coming session. A monster petition should be circulated and every Doctor's name from the Atlantic to the Pacific should as one united phalanx present our claims and call for the requisite aid required to complete the movement now in operation. United we stand—*divided we fail*, is true in this as in other matters, and I trust the medical men of the Maritime Provinces at least, will give their countenance and support by petition or otherwise.

The local laws in the three Maritime Provinces need a levelling up, and efforts should be made by joint applications to the different legislatures to secure the necessary modifications required in our laws, so that whatever the issue may be, we shall be ready when the scheme is completed to give in our adhesion. This is not a political question but one that will I hope receive the support of every member of Parliament, as it would reflect great credit upon the country at large to have such a federation accomplished. If nothing can be done at the approaching session of Parliament—the profession in the meantime can prepare themselves to fully discuss the matter at the next meeting of the Maritime Medical Association in Charlottetown, when I hope Dr. Roddick and other eminent men will be present also.