

would say that this is pre-eminently the young man's age, and I wish to extend to all such a most cordial invitation to take a large share in our work. In doing so I am sure I express the feelings of all, not only of those in the strenuous period of mid-life, but also of those of us labelled with the serener graces of maturer years.

CLINICAL MATERIAL.

In this contingent of our equipment are included clinical cases, pathological specimens, photos, instruments and appliances. However valuable good papers and discussions may be, yet these do not seem to meet all the requirements. We rather long for something that we can see, feel and handle. The appearance presented by the morbid condition, the sounds elicited by percussion or heard through the stethoscope, the sensation produced by touch, can scarcely be overestimated as aids in furnishing information. In the absence of patient or morbid specimen, good photos are of great service, and no description of instruments or appliances can equal the act of examining and handling them.

I must not violate some of the precepts I have laid down, so will briefly summarize this phase of my subject as follows: The equipments of a medical society are, a home in a central locality with suitably furnished, well-lighted, properly ventilated rooms; weekly or bi-weekly meetings, beginning sharp on time, and of about two hours' duration; short, practical papers and discussions, bearing the impress of originality and personality; presentation of clinical cases, pathological specimens, instruments and appliances; a large membership, with punctual and regular attendance.

In conclusion, am I not justified in saying that any physician who makes it his business to join the Toronto Medical Society, or one of its sister societies, will find a place and an equipment that, taken together, will insure his success; not always, it may be, if judged from the pecuniary standpoint alone, but assuredly success in that far worthier achievement, the ability to do good work?