

Gentlemen this is what it means because for the first time in our history we have a way open to us to be of untold benefit to one another by simply joining this Association at a cost of \$2.50 per year.

I suppose it is useless for me to go on sending circular notices broadcast. I have nothing stronger to say than I have said.

I want your advice now what we had better do. Our financial statement which I will read you is a poor showing and we owe our solicitor \$169.57 balance in connection with the cases already handled.

I feel very little enthusiasm has been shown speaking generally and yet I am positive that if we have patience a way will yet be found to attract members to our ranks.

We can, if you wish, try the experiment of once more circularizing the profession generally on Jan. 1st and then it seems to me we might arrange a system whereby through some book publishing house the canvassers going about among the profession personally could have with them application forms. In this way I feel satisfied a great many members can be secured from the cities. Men are apt to disregard circulars and once read they are put aside for future attention and then lost and the subject forgotten, but a personal appeal will have a much better result. Then again a standing advertisement in a few of the leading medical journals might be the means of keeping the Association in the minds of many men who have forgotten to join.

These remarks are based on the assumption that our usefulness has been proved and that it is desirable that we continue the good work. One thing is essential, however, and that is more members. If it is not worth this small fee to join and if we are not fulfilling the requirements let us agree to dissolve. It will cost very little because we owe no bills except the balance mentioned and there is about enough on hand to pay that.

Each case that we agree to defend costs about \$350 and if we happen to strike a crop of them in any one year we will be bankrupt.

I wish to make a suggestion that if carried out will I think add to the usefulness and influence of our Association. The Executive have felt from time to time great responsibility in deciding what action to take in certain given cases and we think that the central Board at Ottawa should be enlarged and that they select the Secretary and Treasurer or else combine the office in one as Secretary-Treasurer.

This can easily be done and the office work handled by one man who is familiar with business affairs.

The resolutions at Winnipeg provided for a President, a Vice-President, a Secretary and a Treasurer and these constituted the Executive.