

of the Canadian Medical Association; the Superintendent of the Toronto General Hospital, Drs. Bingham and Fotheringham. The speeches were of a high order of excellence, and this function alone would have amply repaid anyone for his attendance.

Two mild ructions occurred at the meeting. One was over the so-called "fee-splitting" business; the other over the so-called "wanton" destruction of cultures, pathological specimens, etc., at the laboratories at Gravenhurst.

Of the former nothing definite was done except to place the matter in the hands of a special committee to report a year hence. The discussion brought out the fact that there is no inconsiderable unrest over the present financial arrangements as regards the general practitioner and operator. The sentiment seemed to be unanimous that "fee-splitting" was dishonorable *per se*. If so, we submit, it is something for the Medical Council to deal with, as not through the medium of the Ontario Medical Association can anything be done to offset it. As it is a question which affects the entire profession of the province, it thus comes within the purview of the Medical Council, as it cannot possibly be rightly nor correctly adjudged by any local association in which the membership is voluntary. It would seem to be no good for the one thousand or more members of the Ontario Medical Association to condemn it and ostracize their guilty associates, when two thousand practitioners beyond the pale of the Ontario Medical Association could hew wood and draw water as they wished.

The "wanton" destruction of specimens, the result of painstaking research work, wherever it takes place is to be thoroughly condemned; and the medical profession in Canada is entitled to know the whole truth of this matter and to have both sides of the story. Acts of vandalism can never be condoned. Accidents, we know, may occur in the best of regulated households; and the profession will read with intense interest the presentment of the parties thereto.

The suggestion of the President to round out affiliation with the Canadian Medical Association by the organization of district associations has often before been advocated in these pages, and it is a scheme which meets with our hearty endorsement. We are not in a position to say just how many or what provincial associations are properly affiliated with the national medical body, nor what provinces have county or district medical associations in close touch with the provincial associations. This was the purport of the re-organization scheme of the Canadian Medical Association some years ago, but it looks as though there had been tardiness in the