

plaintiff's mother, daughter and uncle. The statements made by the defendants were borne out by the clear and able testimony of Drs. Milner and Stenhouse.

Drs. Bryans and Smith are to be congratulated upon the result of the trial. It has a wider meaning than that of the defendants themselves, as such actions more or less affect the good and welfare of the entire profession. Every such action lost or compromised in any way encourages others to go to law with their grievances, or to attempt to extort money by blackmail. We feel that the profession should take some steps to recognize the valiant fight made by the defendants, not only in their own interests, but in that of the whole medical profession.

A more unjust case than this was probably never launched into court. The evidence brought out the facts that the plaintiff had been addicted to the excessive use of alcohol, and that a verdict had been secured against a certain party for improper relationship with her. But it is usually the experience of the medical profession that suits for malpractice are instigated by the worthless or impecunious.

This is, perhaps, a fitting time to again call attention to the claims of the Canadian Medical Protective Association. So long as this worthy Association has only a membership of a few hundred, it has neither the means nor the influence it would have were its membership up into the thousands. There is no reason why every regular practitioner in Canada should not belong to this Association. If this Association had a membership of several thousands and four or five thousand dollars in the treasury, it would have a deterrent effect on cranks, crooks and designing patients. When litigation did come it would distribute the cost over many, instead of falling so heavily upon one or two. In the present instance perhaps at least \$400 each.

In the meantime we extend to Drs. Bryans and Smith the congratulations of the entire medical profession.