

The Ontario Medical Association urges upon the Government the great need that exists for the adoption of such legislation as will completely remedy the evil effects of the judicial decision to which reference has been made, and to reinest the Ontario College of Physicians and Surgeons with full power to say who shall practise medicine under any name or in the form of any specialty, and what their qualifications shall be. There is positively no ground for such subdivisions as Osteopathy, Chiropractic and other cults. The only true medical practice must be founded on scientific research along the branches of investigation that reveals the nature of diseases and the best methods for their prevention and cure.

The high standard of medical education herein outlined maintained by the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario, upheld by Mr. Justice Hodgins in his Report on Medical Education, and endorsed a year ago by this Association, embodied in proper legislation, would be a fitting culmination to the vast sums that have been expended upon our public schools, collegiate institutes, medical colleges, universities and hospitals. After all this effort to raise the educational standards of the Province to be the pride of the British Empire, it would be a cause for profound regret if in any way the standard of medical education should in any particular be lowered.

OPTOMETRY.

In the report on Legislation that was adopted by this Association, the opinion was expressed that the status of the optician, who had been with us for a long time, might be improved, but that it would be unwise to grant legal recognition to Optometry. This is still the opinion of the medical profession of Ontario.

The late Legislature, under the premiership of Sir William Hearst, passed an Act giving legal standing to Optometry, and creating a Board to look after the interests of those who might wish to study Optometry.

VACCINATION.

A passing remark or two on this topic may not be out of place. During the fall of 1919 and the early part of 1920, there were a number of local epidemics of smallpox, Toronto furnishing about three thousand cases. An attempt was made to enforce vaccination throughout the Toronto schools.

This called into existence a few noisy citizens, entirely ignorant of the merits of vaccination. In this noisy group were found two members of the medical profession. For these, no words of condemnation can be too severe. It is most gratifying to learn that the present