

a very sympathetic hearing, and in due time found their way to the statute book. As the result of this action much will be done towards a more efficient diagnosing and treating of such diseases. Under this plan several centres will be designated and financial aid will be granted, to enable true scientific tests to be made. The problem is both serious and urgent. So much is this the case that it is being handled with vigor in Britain, and Australia already has an excellent one in operation.

It is sometimes well for the medical profession to listen to what others say upon important topics such as this, where the scientific and medical interlace with the interests of the general. In other words where the medical and publicist views become to a certain extent common ground. The following from *The Toronto Globe* of 5th May is to the point:

"Sir Hamar Greenwood's speech on the social evil cannot be ignored either in Britain or Canada. The stupid cowardice of the ostrich hiding his head in the sand has filled the cup of misery and disaster to overflowing. Cowardly neglect, prurient fear, and weak self-deception have had their day, and have too long directed official helplessness. Toronto, with a highly efficient police force, eagerly determined on suppression, armed with unusual authority, restrained by no obstructing influence, and conscientious in its work, has faithfully tried to meet the highest demand of her best citizenship. And the social survey has ruthlessly torn the mask of hypocrisy from Toronto's face. This was before war assembled the young manhood of Canada in camps. Civilian and soldier are alike menaced. We need not limit our advice and indignation to Great Britain. The problem that demands all our courage and energy is hert in our midst.

"We turn the most difficult of all sociological problems over to the police, asking only that they do not make it impossible for us to keep ourselves in ignorance. Stamping out is a failure. The problem requires brains, not feet. It may be well to banish the hope of any immediate betterment. A broader enlightenment is necessary, and that is of slow growth. Cowardly and calamitous silence will continue to rule, and the courageous reformer will meet the fate of all pioneers. Dr. Clarke, Superintendent of the General Hospital in Toronto, should be assisted and encouraged in the efforts he has courageously made. He knows the menace, and knows also the mass of ingrained prejudice and conventional timidity that must be assailed and modified before results of real moment can be achieved. All that can be accomplished under the present outlook is the encouragement of the pioneers who are willing to lead the way toward a broader understanding and a united effort against the most insidious and dangerous menace of modern society."