

On this subject the Journal of the Canadian Medical Association has a timely and able editorial. The question of whither is the medical profession drifting is a very important one and cannot have too much attention, nor at too early a date.

Fate steals along with silent tread,
Found oftenest in what least we dread;
Frowns in the storm with angry brow,
But in the sunshine strikes the blow.

THE CANADIAN HEALTH ASSOCIATION.

This association has held its annual meeting and adjourned. In this respect, like all that has gone before it, it has now passed into history, but not a dead past. This is one of our youngest associations, and has already shown an amount of activity that has distanced its older brothers. Why?

There are several reasons. In the first place its membership is not confined to the medical profession. It admits to its membership public-spirited men and women of all ranks in society. This is as it ought to be. Ladies and gentlemen in many walks of life can do much for their fellows in the great game of uplifting humanity. They can contribute of their time, their intellects, their moral qualities and their means. This is a great force to associate with that of the medical profession which gives the whole a scientific turn.

Then the work outlined by this association is of a more general and popular character than that of a regular medical society. The work is wider. It deals with the prevention of disease, an ever interesting theme, and it also takes into consideration many topics of a social and semi-economic nature. In something of everything that pertains to the physical, social, mental and moral well-being of the people, lies its work.

We congratulate the association on the result of its recent Toronto meeting. Its proceedings received wide publicity through the medium of the press. This has an educative influence of much value. It is raising public opinion up to that point that makes it easy for the legislator to come in and act. When any government finds that there is a solid public sentiment for any measure it will not be slow in meeting that demand. It is in public life as in business, when there is a demand there will not be lacking the desire to fill that demand.

So soon as the public finds that it is much cheaper, as it certainly is much pleasanter, to prevent disease than to cure it, there is good hope that something substantial will be done. It matters nothing if a Federal department of health cost say \$100,000, if it prevented a good deal