

ment and interest aroused by the universal efforts to combat the ravages of "the white plague"—tuberculosis.

Upon the medical profession depends, to a great degree, the success of efforts to intelligently apply the modern methods of opposing and counteracting the communication of this subtle and dread scourge of humanity. It is our duty to educate the "masses" as to the contagious character of this widespread malady. Though greater progress has been made in the eastern provinces of the Dominion and the republic south of us, we are now taking more active interest in this modern crusade, and, through the untiring efforts of the secretary of our Provincial Board of Health, definite steps are now being taken for the establishment of a sanitarium.

The consideration of "prevention of tuberculosis" opens to view the limitless field of preventive medicine in general, a field so vast that I merely mention it so that the intimate relations between the profession and the public may arouse the attention and interest the cause demands.

In addressing to you, as brother practitioners, these rambling remarks, your further active efforts in a cause constantly with us, I am aware that the appeal is made to a body of gentlemen who ever have been and are foremost in philanthropic work and who perform more charitable labor than all other professions combined. I trust these observations may assist us in the more faithful discharge of duties entrusted to our care; for, being fully conscious of my inability to effectively handle a subject so replete with problems and possibilities, I feel that these remarks have fallen very far short of what the important questions demand.

Items of business and matters of public and professional import will be laid before you for discussion and consideration. Questions bearing upon education may demand your serious attention. You will be asked to consider the question of fees in life assurance examination; this is a question savoring of commercialism, but, considering the conditions which at present exist, it is imperative that we deal with it.

These and other matters may be presented, concerning which I feel confident your careful and prudent deliberations will lead to wise resolutions.

We are highly favored by having with us so many visitors, and, as the programme offers a list of subjects rich in educative thought, I take this opportunity of thanking you for your patient attention while listening to this prosy address, and now have pleasure in presenting to you papers of much more interesting character by gentlemen prominent in the profession, not only in British Columbia, but also in the republic of the Stars and Stripes.