

manager and clerks working in my office, ships bringing my merchandise over sea to the markets, and sellers earning me money, and keeping my children, even when I lie here disabled.' The medical man has no such comfort. For him the suspension of working power means the suspension of earning power. Bodily pain is only too often intensified by mental suffering and financial worry, and the same blow which affects his physical well-being often shatters his prospects in life, and leaves him more or less helpless. Even in temporary emergencies, the necessity of paying for a substitute at a time when his earnings are diminished, greatly adds to his cares, and tends rapidly to exhaust his resources.—*London Medical Times.*

“The following case is reported from Bangkok, Siam, and may be relied on as authentic:—About three months ago a native was attacked with cholera. An American missionary attended him, and administered all medicines he could, but at last the man was so far gone that they gave up all hopes of recovery, and would do no more. Relatives of the patient begging the doctor not to give him up as lost, the doctor thought of Horsford's Acid Phosphate. After the second dose the patient commenced to revive, and in six hours he was pronounced out of danger.—*Adv.*

#### TO THE MEDICAL ELECTORS OF KINGS AND QUEEN'S DIVISION.

GENTLEMEN :

Ten years have now elapsed since I addressed you as a Candidate for this Division, since which time I have closely attended to your interests as your representative in the Medical Council; whether I have succeeded in fulfilling these duties—my record is before you; you are the judges. I have again been solicited by a highly respectable number of my professional brethren to offer myself again as a candidate for your suffrages in 1885. It is very gratifying to me to have such a respectable number of my friends come forward, many of whom, unsolicited, have appended their signatures to my nomination paper. Some time ago I had every intention of retiring from the responsibilities of

office; but, when so strongly urged once more to enter the arena, I could not do otherwise than allow my name to be used for that purpose. Many of you have certainly given me more credit than I deserved for alleged zeal in your behalf. Allow me to state that I have always been devotedly attached to the medical profession, not so much for the emoluments as for the scope which it offers for mental gratification in the cause of suffering humanity, both by night and by day—although we sometimes receive the doubtful honour and unmerited abuse from many of those whom we often risk our own lives to serve, without any reward whatever. However, we have hours of happiness in the thought of doing more real good to mankind than all the other professions put together.

It is altogether unnecessary for me to say much on the duties devolving on the Members of the Council; permit me only to say, that it is in contemplation to have the Medical Act amended. Some of those amendments I approve of—others seem to me of rather doubtful propriety, such as the increase in our annual assessment. I have not yet seen any medical man in this Division who approves of such a step. The law also ought to be amended whereby actions for malpractice shall be brought within a limited time, and security given by the plaintiff for costs incurred in the bringing of such suit, as in the majority of cases tried the plaintiff is some miserable creature, with scarcely the coat on his back or even the will to earn it—to say nothing of the trouble and expense to the defendant, whether he is successful or not, and on whom, not unfrequently, ruin is entailed and probably his prospects blasted for life.

There are other improvements that might be stated, the nature of which I shall not enter upon; but, if you should feel at liberty to tender me your vote, it shall be my pleasing duty to do everything in my power to promote the honour and dignity of the profession generally.

Thanking you for the confidence you have so long reposed in me, I have the honour to be,

Gentlemen,

Yours sincerely,

W. ALLISON.

Bowmanville, March 9, 1885.