

osteopathy are only portions of manipulation, and this again a very minor part of therapeutics in general. Christian Science is only a phase of suggestive treatment, and founded on gross ignorance and greed at that. Contrast these abominations that seek recognition to diagnose and treat disease, and charge for this shoddy attention, with the medicine, and surgery, and science that are to be found in the war zones to-day, where sepsis is held under control and contagion and epidemics averted. Set alongside of this the teachings of Mrs. Eddy that "a Christian scientist never recommends hygiene," and then turn to the work of the American Red Cross in plague-stricken Serbia!

There is one Act on our statute book to which I desire to refer. The Workmen's Compensation Act does great injustice to the medical profession. While the Act was under consideration representatives from the profession, and especially from the Academy, pointed out very clearly in what way the Act should be framed in order to do fairly by the medical profession. These requests and suggestions were set aside in a most cavalier manner, and the Act in its present form became law. Since then this Academy, in conjunction with other medical bodies, has sought for reasonable amendments to the Act, but without meeting with much encouragement. Throughout this great province in all its public hospitals, orphanages, charities and homes for the care of the poor, and in the homes of the people, whenever and wherever the call comes for medical or surgical help for the poor, the medical profession at all hours of the day or night has responded, and without fee or thanks. On top of this immense service to the public, the Legislature of the province has imposed upon the practitioners another great responsibility in the carrying out of the Workmen's Compensation Act; and, shameful to tell it, has made no provision for payment when that responsibility has been honorably discharged. Were the Act for a pure charity, as in the case of the Hospital Act, it would be quite different; but this is a purely business and monetary Act, and there is absolutely no justification for not providing for a fair remuneration to the members of the medical profession, who may from time to time give valuable services to the injured coming within the meaning of the Act. But there must be an end to this sort of thing. Patient and long-suffering as the medical profession has always been, there will come a time when it will be its plain duty to resist an unjust Act. For us the words of Junius that "the subject who is truly loyal to the chief magistrate will neither advise nor consent to arbitrary measures," must become a living reality. If the authorities will not amend the Act then it may be necessary to refuse to give professional attendance upon the injured. This might seem harsh, but it may have to be the last court of appeal. It is to be hoped that those who can easily avert such a state arising will do so.