

has immensely increased the power of the press. Where ignorance reigns, crime is prevalent. In such cities as Naples, where the education laws, such as we have in Ontario, either do not exist or are not enforced, the streets are filled with street arabs, who are a nuisance and a menace to society, growing up in squalor, ignorance and filth. In our Western civilization such a condition of affairs cannot exist, and I trust never will exist. The intellectual enlightenment, surrounding scientific activity, has imparted innumerable and invaluable blessings to the human race. Science is not confined to any one nation, but is cosmopolitan. We are living in an age of electric progress. The marvels of electric force have been studied and utilized for the great benefit of mankind. To-day the mummified remains of an Egyptian king, Amenophis, who lived thousands of years ago, are viewed in the original tomb, with the aid of the rays of the electric light. The telegraph and telephone are to be found in the very heart of Darkest Africa. The discovery of the achromatic microscope has rendered us great assistance in studying the nature of disease, and the X-ray has enabled us to pierce what was before impenetrable gloom. The harvest is ready, but not riper than it has been for centuries, but there are more enlightened and better educated and better equipped workers in the field. There is very much to be done and we must be constantly up and doing. I say this particularly to the young and enthusiastic. The foundation of our knowledge as modern doctors is science, and the superstructure must be built upon scientific lines. Hospitals are needed, not such as those that were first established, but modern, properly equipped and up-to-date institutions, with modern, up-to-date methods.

Many hospitals have been erected through the munificence of individuals in the towns, throughout our country. Every town of any size should have its hospital. Such institutions are not intended to do the work of the larger ones in sixteen larger centres; but there is a certain amount of work that can never reach the larger centres that can be done very satisfactorily in small hospitals properly equipped and served by a properly educated profession. Assistance from the larger fields of observation can be obtained when required, and under improved conditions such aid will be of greater service. The almost universal use of the electric light aids our work very materially.

Our prisons have been improved. Our younger criminals have been cared for. Our insane have been kept off the streets. Our poor are being looked after, and now health and comfort