

Then in the matter of the treatment of the poor. Our profession is not mercenary. We can never be justly accused of want of charity except to ourselves. The public seem to think that the fact of one's being a doctor implies that he is rich. When I was a boy I thought something similar. The illusion has vanished.

How frequently do you see the poor family or families whom you have attended gratuitously year after year, supported by the municipality, in every necessity except the doctor's attendance and medicines? The butcher, baker and other tradesmen present their bills to the Council of your town, and are paid. If you have tried to collect yours in a similar manner, have you ever remarked the scorn with which it was thrown out?

It is sincerely to be hoped that you may be able to initiate some plan whereby the injustice from which our profession suffers in these respects may be remedied, and that we shall be placed upon a proper equality with other citizens. We have been content in the past to receive for our services almost what the public cares to give us and at such time as it pleases them. A little more infusion of business principles in dealing with people is a great necessity amongst us.

COMPULSORY VACCINATION.

Vaccination in the Province of Ontario is nominally compulsory. The law says:—

Every child born within the Province shall, within three months after birth, be vaccinated either by a qualified medical practitioner or by the person appointed by the municipal council for that purpose.

Every child over the age of three months becoming a resident in the Province is required to be vaccinated.

The certificate of vaccination cannot legally be given until the eighth day after vaccination has been performed.

If in the opinion of a medical practitioner, a child is found unfit for vaccination, a certificate to that effect remains in force for only two months. In any case the child must be presented every two months to permit of renewal of certificate, otherwise the child must be vaccinated.

Re-vaccination within seven years may be required, when deemed necessary, from students in attendance at high schools, collegiate institutes, colleges and universities.

Re-vaccination within seven years may, under certain conditions, be made compulsory in any particular municipality or throughout the Province generally.

Authority is given to the councils of all municipalities to enforce the foregoing provisions of the Act, and upon them necessarily rests the responsibility.