

DOCTOR WOULD NOT GO.

We had occasion a short time ago to say a few words on this subject. There had been a couple of cases commented upon adversely by the lay press. We took the ground on that occasion that it would be best for the doctor to respond to the first call.

It might be that he could render such aid as would save life; or he could see for himself as to the advisability of sending the patient into a hospital. We still adhere to this view. The reason that induces us to again mention this matter is that a case happened in Toronto recently where there was a good deal of newspaper talk regarding the refusal to make an emergency visit when summoned.

The fee, we think, should not stand in the way. It might turn out that some one would pay the fee, so that in this respect the matter would stand adjusted. There would still be some visits of this sort unpaid for; but this is not a sufficient reason for refusing to go to an emergency case. The medical profession has a certain place to maintain in the public eye. Members of the medical profession are now and ever will continue to make *free* visits. An additional one to an emergency case is not going to matter much. Give the benefit to the doubt.

A REGRETTABLE EVENT.

In the month of October, the name of Professor A. B. Macallum was proposed for Fellowship in the Toronto Academy of Medicine. The name was posted up in the usual manner. When the name came before the Fellows on 3rd December, there were sufficient adverse votes to prevent election.

Dr. R. A. Reeve, the president of the Academy, thereupon tendered his resignation. This every Fellow of the Academy regrets. There is no one in the Academy more esteemed than Dr. Reeve. Every one regards him as influenced by the best of motives, and all admit his many and distinguished services for the Academy.

It is generally felt that the rejection of Professor Macallum's name should not have been regarded by Dr. Reeve as a cause for his resignation of the presidency. No one who voted against Professor Macallum had the slightest desire to give Dr. Reeve any annoyance.

Whichever way it may end, either by Dr. Reeve maintaining his determination to vacate the chair, or by resuming office again, every Fellow will still have the highest regard for him, and feel as kindly towards him as it is possible to feel.