

taken out of the hands of the family practitioner and assigned to the care of the State? May these not be the signs of the times that the day of the competitive physician and surgeon is over and that presently he must become a member of a panel and have removed from him the opportunity to exploit his experience for mere gain—that as his training is even now largely paid for by the State so his employer hereafter may be that same body. The greatest good of the greatest number.

What will follow will be—and already there are ominous movements in the not too solid ground on which we stand—that those who teach in our clinical and final subjects will be whole time men, paid by the State at a salary commensurate with their responsibility and with an equal allotment of money for the maintenance of the laboratory side of each department.

I am not a prophet, but let us not mistake, there are great changes coming.

Fellows of the Academy of Medicine, let us then be up and doing, and remembering the words of our example, the Great Physician, "work while it is day".