

Nor is such an idea Utopian; our archives are full of the histories of good work done under unfavourable circumstances. Let me quote from the preface to a book of one who is a living example. McKenzie, in his recent work on "The Pulse," which has become classical, says, "This volume has been written amid the distractions of the life of a busy General Practitioner. I have seldom been able to give an uninterrupted hour's study to the subject. While working out some argument interruptions have often been fatal to its completion as it has been days or and even weeks before I have again been able to resume it." Surely, in this modest and pathetic enumeration of difficulties encountered and overcome, there is vast encouragement for us, demonstrating once and for all that there is no impossibility in combining sound original work with the ordinary duties of the family doctor. It belongs to each one of us, that, divesting our minds of the incubus of authority and superstition, we carefully and accurately observe and truthfully record the various phenomena of disease with which we daily come in contact. This is essentially the part which the general practitioner may assume in helping to strengthen the foundations of scientific medicine and transform it from an Art based on a system of rules or traditional procedures to an Art based upon science or knowledge gained by observation, experiment and reasoning.

Finally, and as "the conclusion of the whole matter," I leave with you the words of the founder of the lectures annually delivered to commemorate the life of the great Harvey, which also amply and sufficiently set forth the duties and privileges of the Medical Society, namely "to incite Fellows and Members to search out and study the secrets of Nature and to urge a spirit of gracious courtesy and kindness among ourselves."

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#### REPORT ON TEACHING OF HYGIENE BY THE BRITISH COLUMBIA ASSOCIATION

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Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen:—

As a member of the Committee appointed by you at our last session to examine into the teaching of Hygiene in our Public Schools and lay before you at this meeting the results