

who is a politician, know about the treatment of the insane, those most unfortunate of individuals, who should have the best care and attention that medical knowledge can give them? Yet it has been the invariable, but wrongful policy, to pick out from the political caucus a physician who has been busy on the side lines during election times. It is to be hoped that the practice will cease under new auspices, and that inducements will be extended to medical men to specially qualify themselves for such important practice; and that when vacancies occur they will be filled with due regard to the medical qualifications and not to the political qualifications of the candidate. There should be adopted a system of promotion, as a man who has spent several years in asylum practice, must plainly be better, yes, far better, qualified to do that work than he who comes from the party caucus.

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Five hundred deaths in Ontario during the first quarter of the present year from tuberculosis, a preventable disease, is indeed, *alarming, and would lead one to think that the medical profession has not seized hold of the essentials of treatment in this disease.* It would as well lead one to think that in many of these cases there is regrettable delay in making a diagnosis, probably in many cases, because the patient does not present himself or herself for treatment until irreparable damage has been done. Those who would prevent disease must get down to first principles. It will take a generation to arrive at any distinct advance; for the proper place to educate is the public school. If that plan were adopted and followed out, to teach elementary sanitary science, just as arithmetic, reading and grammar are taught, results would accrue.

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Cerebrospinal fever, cerebro-spinal meningitis, a disease which has caused over 1,000 lives in New York City since the beginning of 1905, is claiming the attention of the medical world. Dr. J. C. Wilson, of Philadelphia, gives in the 29th of March issue of *The Journal of the American Medical Association*, in a very interesting and valuable paper, these symptoms in the ordinary forms. No