

*consent* to arbitrary measures," must become a living reality. If the authorities will not amend the Act, then it may be necessary to refuse to give professional attendance upon the injured. This might seem harsh, but it may have to be the last court of appeal. It is to be hoped that those who can easily avert such a state arising will do so.

The Council very carefully considered a plan whereby a brief, but carefully-prepared biographical statement shall be placed on file concerning each Fellow. At the annual meeting in May last this was unanimously concurred in. During this session steps will be taken to put this important feature of the Academy's work in operation. It will not be long before this department will be thoroughly appreciated and supported by all.

In conclusion, I thank you, gentlemen, for the honor you have conferred upon me, and ask you one and all to bend your efforts towards the lengthening of our lists of Fellows, the adding greatly to our accumulation of books, the advancing of our scientific attainments, the gathering of funds for a commodious building, and the promotion of good fellowship—for "friendship is the wine of life." We should so live and labor," said Henry Ward Beecher, "that what came to us as seed may go to the next generation as blossom, and what came to us as blossom may go to them as fruit." This may seem a heavy contract, but the sound, though homely, philosophy of "'tis dogged as does it," will carry us to the winning post. As these objects are being gradually achieved we will all be ready to speak of the corner of Queen's Park and Grosvenor Street as Horace did when he thought of his beloved villa, "For me that portion of the earth smiles more sweetly than all others."

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Among others who attended the American Public Health Association meeting in Cincinnati, Oct. 24th, were Dr. F. Montizambert, C.M.G., Ottawa, Director-General of Public Health, and Dr. E. P. Lachapelle, Montreal; also Dr. Charles J. Hastings, M.O.H., Toronto.

Of the 437 patients discharged from the Laurentian Sanatorium, Province of Quebec, in the past eight years, 90 per cent. have been traced. Of that number living and well there are 52 per cent.; invalids, 17 per cent.; dead, 21 per cent.; untraced, 10 per cent. The institution treated 196 patients as against 129 for the previous hospital year. Civilian as well as military patients are received.