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of the medical profession is that all who practise shall obtain the diploma of the College of Physicians and Surgeons. After this they may practise osteopathy or chiropraxy if they so desire. Knowledge must come first, and liberty of choice after. In this regard we think Mr. Ballantyne fell down badly, and made out a very poor case. In reply to Mr. Ballantyne, Drs. F. W. Marlow and Scott emphasized the need for a proper training before any one should be allowed to give professional advice. This position is so sound that no sophistry of personal liberty and the freedom of choice can brush it aside. The labor party is the very one that should learn this lesson first, and they have most at stake in the efficiency of those those who may be called upon to treat the working classes.

Sir John and Lady Eaton gave an enjoyable garden party on their spacious and beautiful grounds. "Ardwold" was the scene of much stir as many of the doctors and their lady friends availed themselves of the invitation of Sir John and Lady Eaton to spend a couple of hours of real recreation and enjoyment. The hospitality shown was highly appreciated.

On the evening of 28th May Dr. G. Stewart Cameron, of Peterboro, the president of the Association, delivered his address. It was a masterpiece in logic and form. We give it full in this issue.

There was a ripple of amusement and sarcasm over the statement made by the Committee in Charge of the Toronto Strike, to the effect that the medical profession should remain at its post. If this is not the most absurd position that has ever been assumed by any body, we would like to be directed to that other position. The medical profession never did, does not now, and never shall recognize dictation from any outside body in the discharge of its duty to suffering humanity. It is an organized body only for the purposes of maintaining a high standard of efficiency, a high code of honor, the protection and welfare of the people, but not for self-seeking ends such as controlling fees, salaries, or remuneration, nor for going on strike as a body, as the means of forcing others to accede to its demands. The ethics of the medical profession are altruistic.

One of the most important of all the subjects discussed at the business sessions was that of establishing post graduate lectures for the medical profession of the province. The scheme is to have members of the profession who have special training on certain subjects to visit various places and deliver some lectures to the members of the profession in these localities. This scheme is full of possibilities, but to carry it out successfully requires money to pay the expenses of these lecturers. The plan will not go into operation of its own accord; and it will call for much hard work on the part of those having the matter in hand. The