

of their patients, so that at the present moment few surgeons in the country have any adequate idea of what their labours have accomplished. Do let me urge upon you the systematic recording of every cancer case, the employment of the most thorough operation in these cases, and the tabulation at yearly intervals of the results. You will thus continually improve your methods, will grow more enthusiastic in your campaign against this dread malady, and will at the same time give valuable data to your colleagues in the profession.

The aim of our cancer campaign committee was to stimulate a wide-spread interest in the subject among the laity. Its labours have already borne fruit. Within the last few weeks a most representative body of New York laity, both men and women, have joined forces with the medical profession in the formation of the American Society for the Control of Cancer. This committee is assured of excellent financial backing, and is bound to be a great factor for the dissemination of knowledge concerning cancer.

We must not overlook the pioneers in publicity. Dr. J. H. Carsten, of Detroit, Michigan, has for years been doing yeoman work in his state, Dr. John G. Clark, Dr. F. F. Simpson and Dr. J. M. Wainwright, in Pennsylvania, Dr. S. Leigh in Virginia, Dr. F. H. Jackson in Maine, and there are a host of others whose names I would like to mention. I would also mention the splendid work of the Council of the American Medical Association in publishing instructions under the chairmanship of Dr. H. B. Favill.

I would strongly urge upon the Canadian Medical Association, the most representative body of Canadian physicians, the advisability of at once appointing a cancer campaign committee for Canada. This could work independently or in close co-operation with one of the cancer campaign committees of the United States.

Much money has been given by philanthropic people for the study of the cause of cancer. Whether the aetiology of cancer will soon be discovered or not is problematical, but in any event the people of the country should be made thoroughly cognizant of the early symptoms of cancer and of the fact that many may be cured by early operation. I can imagine no gift that would yield the philanthropist a greater return than the satisfaction of knowing that as a result of his munificence thousands of lives of cancer patients had been saved by prompt operation.

You in the Dominion have the wealth, the broad-spirited men, and the thoroughly competent surgeons, see to it that in the near future the cancer results of Canada are equal to if not better than those of any other country.