

Important progress in the domain of public health may be reported during the past year. Through the generosity of Col. A. E. Gooderham, the Department of Hygiene of the University of Toronto has been enabled to undertake the manufacture of various antitoxic sera and vaccines, and by the enlightened and public-spirited action of the Provincial Government, arrangements have been made for the gratuitous supply of these products through the profession. In this way will be placed more readily at the disposal of medical men the means provided by modern scientific investigation of dealing with different infective diseases.

It is also worthy of note that a local manufacturing company is now furnishing a product—diarsenol—which experience has shown to be a satisfactory substitute for diarseno-benzol. The commendable attitude of scientific and clinical men of the university staff in promoting this enterprise stands in pleasing contrast to a lack of encouragement heretofore frequently complained of, and, we trust, marks the beginning of a new era in the evolution of a policy of general application, rather than being merely one of the vagaries of the fairy godmother.

It is a matter of satisfaction to the profession that arrangements have been completed during the past year providing for reciprocity in medical registration between Great Britain and this province.

In order that we may be able to bring the corporate influence of the profession to bear in maintaining the status of medical practice, in directing aright the many problems now in course of adjustment, and in guaranteeing to the people the increasing benefits of modern practice, it is essential that we be well organized. I am glad to report that much progress has been made in this direction during the past year, and that we now have a fairly complete provisional organization throughout the province. Thirty-five local city, town or county societies are at present in existence, and ready to affiliate with the Ontario Medical Association. A provisional constitution has been drawn up to be submitted for the consideration and approval of the Association. There is still in some quarters a remarkable apathy to matters of crucial importance, but signs are not wanting of an awakening, which it is the duty of this Association to hasten.

We are pleased to have with us on this occasion the Executive Council of the Canadian Medical Association, and trust that our combined meeting may help to remove misunderstandings and to strengthen the bonds between the two Associations.