

Chancellor tells the *people* that if the *medical* profession *refuse* to carry out the *provisions* of the National Insurance Act, he must raise an *extra* £15,000,000 by extra levies on *income*. This shifts the blame for this *extra* tax upon the shoulders of the medical profession. This extra amount would be required to pay for the medical services the Act calls for at the fees the medical men think should be paid.

Will the medical men yield? We hope not, but we fear they will. There are always some who will bend the knee. How many there may be of this class time alone will determine. If there be even a small percentage they will break down the solidarity of the profession and the force of the resistance to act is seriously impaired. The astute politician depends upon this, looks for it, and does all in his power to encourage it.

The future hides boding and terror. If the medical men yield now they can never recover themselves. Year by year the yoke will fasten itself firmer and firmer upon their necks. There will be fewer and fewer in the resisting line, and more and more in the serving line. Why cannot the medical men in Great Britain as one man say "No"? If they did the Act would be dead until it was so amended as to do justice to them. It is all very well for any Government to try to do something useful for the great wage-earning masses; but it is equally wrong to lay the head of oppression upon another class and compel its members to make bricks without straw.

The future of the general medical practitioner in Great Britain is doomed unless the terms of the National Insurance Act are determinedly resisted. There must be no half-way measure. The medical men have it in their power to compel the Government to withdraw the Act. They can end the Act if the Government will not amend it. It will be to the lasting dishonor of the medical profession if it does not demand its rights. "The brave man holds honor far more precious dear than life." This is the time to make this clear. With the words of Goethe we close:

To this I hold with firm persistence,
And each experience proves it true:
We only keep our freedom and existence
By daily conquering them anew.

DANGEROUS AMUSEMENTS.

A medical journal has to do with all questions that affect the life and limb of the citizen. Many a fine man and woman or promising boy