

It would be impossible to imagine a more dangerous element in a community than one who contends that typhoid fever arises from some displacement in one of the vertebral points, and, this being the case, then the germ can do its work and cause the disease. Such a theory put into practice is on the level of manslaughter; for there is no excuse for it on the ground of ignorance, as the science of such things is now known.

Well, then, the medical profession must use its influence to prevent all sorts of irregulars gaining a foothold in this Province. The demand must be quality first. Take a course of study and training that is equal to the highest. Then pass the prescribed examinations. No one should seek to treat the sick or injured until he has complied with this standard; nor should the public desire to have in its midst "healers" who have not secured their right to practise by conforming to this standard.

It is here that the members of the medical profession have a duty to discharge both to the people and themselves. They must come forward in favor of a high standard; they must be the guides of the people on this matter; they must lead the way in the securing of such medical legislation as will for all time place this Province in the lead of all others. We have often dealt with this subject, and may have to return to it again, and the need for action is great, but the reward will be great if all do their duty.

OSTEOPATHY AS TAUGHT BY ITS LEADERS.

1. The duration of course is of no moment if the system is wrong, and the application of the information obtained along erroneous methods.

2. Knowledge of anatomy, physiology, bacteriology, etc., means nothing, so far as treatment is concerned, if the theory of disease is unsound and contrary to the experience and investigation of the past.

3. The final test of all medical science is what it can do for the sick, and the prevention of disease. The fruit of medical research is treatment.

4. Osteopathy holds an erroneous view on disease. Dr. A. T. Still, founder of osteopathy, taught that "A disturbed artery marks the period to an hour, and minute, when disease begins to sow its seeds of destruction in the human body." This is quoted approvingly by Dain L. Tasker, on page 19 of his *Principles of Osteopathy*. Now, this view of disease is altogether too confined, as it takes no account of the long list of diseases that are caused by infections, nor of the many morbid processes, such as cancer, that are due to cell changes.

Osteopathy finds its theory of disease on what it calls "Lesion." Dain L. Tasker lays it down in these words on page 40 of the work just