

of value, very few appreciate the full extent of their usefulness, and the bulk of the profession know nothing whatever about them, nor how to employ them properly. The reason for this is that our medical colleges have hitherto failed to give lectures on physiotherapy, and their graduates have had to rely on reading such books as were obtainable for their knowledge of this subject. As a result of this, their sometimes dissatisfied patients have sought the services of one of these "irregulars" for relief when physiotherapy might have retained them on the physician's visiting list.

An ideal solution of the whole difficulty would be: First, settle on a satisfactory definition of medicine and surgery, and what constitutes a practitioner of these, bearing in mind that air, water, light, heat, cold and electricity are medicines, and very powerful ones.

Next, establish a college where physiotherapy may be taught on a thoroughly scientific basis, with preliminary instruction along customary medical lines, and access to hospitals and laboratories.

Then, let enlarged powers be granted the College of Physicians and Surgeons, and let it compel every medical student to pass an examination on physiotherapy before being allowed to practise medicine of any description. And give this body full power to prosecute offenders.

To those who do not desire to practise all departments of physiotherapy, but only wish to give massage, for instance, a complete medical training would, of course, be unnecessary; and the same rule would apply to those restricting themselves to the giving of baths, or similar minor branches.

Meanwhile, there are in this province some persons who have become skilled in the use of certain physical agents, such as some of the safer varieties of electrical currents, but are not qualified practitioners. Provision should be made to respect the rights of these people in any legislation that may be devised.

Provision should be made in all medical colleges for the scientific teaching of physiotherapy to all students.

Now, just a word, your Lordship, with reference to X-rays. X-rays are being used by a great many people in the city of Toronto, and it is a very dangerous thing to use. My own opinion is that none but regularly qualified medical practitioners should be permitted to use the X-ray for diagnostic or therapeutic purposes. Some of my dearest friends, men of high standing in the profession, have died as a direct result of