

contemplating the effect of a well-placed enemy shell, and remarking, "There goes our blinkin' parapet again," an endeavour by the artist to give utterance to the feeling of being—as the "Student in Arms" has it—"blasphemously fed up." We, as an Academy, are "blasphemously fed up" with the misdirection of the medical side of Canada and the great war by our Government and our Militia Department. The profession in Canada has always occupied a high position, in the standing of its institutions of medicine, in the training and quality of its rank and file, and in the skill and wisdom of its leading practitioners—but we fail to note that a single endeavour has been made by those who govern to make use of these in any fair and proper way, although our profession has been equal, at least, to that of any other of the Allies, in the way it has come forward to assist—and to die when needful.

Compare the action of the United States. No sooner was war declared than the acknowledged leaders of medicine in every single department were called to Washington to consult on the most scientific way in which the trained profession could be utilized, and these committees were given full control as to the selection of men to fill the various positions. To take one instance—the otolaryngologists were listed to the number of 5,488, and in July every one of these men was circularized, and the reply card indexed. In Canada, it has been most haphazard. A few of our leading physicians and surgeons have been sought out, but the majority have not been called on, and in not a single instance—except this summer when the Dominion Medical Council was invited, I understand, to offer some suggestions—have any of our medical associations, university or scientific bodies, been used for their legitimate purpose. There has been no "Win the War" policy in medicine.

The recent action of our College of Physicians and Surgeons in circularizing the Ontario profession is a step forward, but for this the government cannot claim credit.

The result of this lack of initiative is self-evident. There has been a complete break-down. The C.A.M.C. is considered by a Parliamentary Committee to be a failure; there is a committee of laymen placed in charge of returned soldiers; our respected Fellow and guest, General Fotheringham, has been dallied with so long at Ottawa that his resignation has been sent in; there is no permanent surgeon-general at Ottawa in whom the profession can place confidence, and if there were, he would not have a voice at the table of the militia council. My thought upon this subject is well