

introduced into the Ontario Legislature looking towards the regulation of medical practice in this province. Hon. Mr. Justice F. B. Hodgins has now taken a vast amount of evidence on this matter, and we may expect at an early date that he will issue his report.

For about sixty years this province has been steadily raising the standard of education for all the professions. This is as it ought to be. In the medical profession the good results of this course are in evidence everywhere. Of recent years a flock of pure parasites on the healing art has settled in Ontario. They claim the right to practise, because a judge, now deceased, ruled that a person is not practising medicine if he does not give drugs. Well, then, we have Christian Scientist who claims to know so much about the deity that he can restore such a perfect understanding between the sick and God that the sick person is made well. There is no diagnosis required; for all disease is only an error of mortal mind, and the correction of the error is all that is required. In medicine this is insanity number one.

Then the osteopath comes along, and he contends that all disease begins by some derangement in the circulation, and this in turn by some pressure on a nerve, and this, again, from some displacement in the spinal column. By twisting the spine one can cure pelvic diseases, and typhoid fever, and gonorrhoea, and ague, etc. This is insanity number two.

Then there arose a sort of offshoot from this teaching under the name of chiropractic. This is just a slightly modified osteopathy, and from a study of their books, a modification for the worse. The main difference between chiropraxy and osteopathy is that the former corrects the spinal displacements by a sharp thrust, whereas the latter does it by manipulation. Well this we call insanity number three.

Mano-therapy and mechano-therapy is most crude, and founded upon nothing but the worst sort of ignorance. This is insanity number four.

The clear duty of the medical profession is to see that these insanities are not permitted to run at large and imperil the safety of the people. It is our duty to keep up the standard. These sort of healers could not make their way over a high wall. One common portal of entry for all. Take this route or let them go somewhere else. All the thought, time, money, and labor that have been expended on colleges and hospitals must not now be thrown away.

MEDICAL SCIENCE AND THE WAR.

The following statement comes with great weight at this time, when a number of irregular cults are seeking recognition to practise: