

be paid better than starvation wages when better teachers would be induced to stay in the ranks. The country must afford it. People should give up a few of their luxuries if necessary, and there were huge sums spent on public work which was not nearly so important. It means the development and growth of the children of the nation. Advanced education is all well enough but it is not so essential. And then this advanced education is the reason for a great many failures and social misfits. There should be an awakening of public interest in the public health. At the present time hundreds of thousands of dollars would be subscribed for the treatment of a disease, but it was impossible to raise anything for the prevention of a disease. This could not be better evidenced than in the hiring of cheap, inefficient men to fill the posts of city engineer or medical health officer. The men in those positions should be the best available. The children in the public schools should be medically examined by competent men either at the expense of the parents or, if necessary, of the state.

Concluding, Dr. Blanchard said: "The greatness of Canada will depend not on our opportunities, which are assured, but on the average capacity of our people to grapple with the intellectual problems of the future in every phase of human activity. We shall most successfully lay the foundation of that average capacity in a strong, hardy and healthy race of people.

Towards the attainment of this end we shall be pre-eminently qualified to render assistance. How much will depend on the character and education of the men who devote themselves to our profession.

PREVENTION OF TUBERCULOSIS BY MASSAGE, AND ELECTRICITY.*

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IN tracing the supply of nerve structure to the various parts of the human system, it is remarkable, the extent and variety of distribution to the abdominal cavity, the very centre of reproductive and digestive power. The umbilicus is a storm centre as far as collateral influence of the nervous system is concerned. In this region, the solar plexus, approaches nearest the surface, through its many filaments, which in turn accompany all the branches given off by the abdominal aorta. It also interlaces with the nerve fibres of the phrenic gastric, hepatic, splenic, suprarenal, renal, mesenteric, and spermatic plexuses, and Bastion favors the idea, that the sympathetic system of nerves, is to a certain extent, an independent

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