

profession in its effort for the good of its members and the general public.

During all the years that the Association has been in existence it has brought men of great distinction from far away places to give addresses on vitally important medical, surgical and special subjects. The parties giving these addresses have done so at their own expense. This should not be so, and yet, the Association, from its very limited income, could not undertake any outlay for such addresses and lectures, and, consequently, has had to rely upon the generosity of these talented visitors.

There is another way in which the command of some funds would prove of the utmost value. The addresses just referred to should have been widely distributed and read. But to publish them and send copies to the members of the medical profession throughout the province would have imposed a task upon the funds of the Association far beyond what they could stand. Thus it happened that the educative value of these addresses was very largely lost.

But the chief reason why the Government should make a monetary grant to the Association is to be found in the fact that it is proposed to establish Post-Graduate lectures. By this scheme specialists on certain subjects would visit various parts of the province and deliver lectures to the practitioners in these districts. Some way should be found whereby the expenses of these lecturers would be defrayed. The boon that these lectures would be to the public and the profession must at once be admitted to be very great. Money is freely spent, and properly, on persons who travel through the province giving instructions on the care of cattle and the growing of crops. The same should be done in aid of the distribution of knowledge aiming at the prevention and cure of disease. This sort of work would be entirely different from, but supplementary to, that done by the Health Association.

The Ontario Medical Association has now behind it a long and glorious record and would certainly live up to this record in the use of such funds as the Government might be pleased to trust in its hands. Expended in the way just mentioned, the money would yield the Scriptural hundredfold.

THE VENEREAL DISEASE ACT.

There is one feature of this Act to which attention is directed, namely, the method of making the medical reports upon venereal diseases. The following is the form on which the medical practitioner, who sees a case of syphilis, gonorrhoea or chancre, must make his report to the Medical Officer of Health: