

question that concerns every doctor in Ontario, and he should give it thoughtful consideration. It should be brought up at the various Medical Association meetings this summer and coming autumn.

The position of the medical profession should be carefully explained to the members of the Legislature during the time that will elapse between now and the next session of the House. It is poor policy to leave this matter over until the Legislature is in session and the members busy. It is well nigh impossible then to receive a fair hearing and much attention. This must be done prior to the meeting of the Legislative Assembly.

The question will be raised at the coming meeting of the Ontario Medical Association, when, no doubt, some report will be prepared and sent out to the profession, with a statement of the case for guidance, and that should be brought to the attention of every member of the Ontario House. This very important matter alone should ensure a good attendance at the Ontario Medical Association this year.

We cannot urge too strongly upon the members of the medical profession the importance of a united stand on this matter. Every one should make it his duty to do his part. "All your strength is in your union."

A DOMINION HEALTH DEPARTMENT.

We have often referred to this matter, and have as often urged upon the Federal Parliament the advisability of creating a Department of Health. This we do for several reasons.

1. The value of the health of the people as a national asset is great. *Salus populi suprema lex est* was one of the rules on the Roman tables of the law. Much is being done from Ottawa towards this end, but nothing like what ought to be done.

2. The creation of such a department would unify the work now done by several departments. There would be one common plan running through it all. The good that would result from this would be great.

3. There would be one department to deal with. The various Provinces, and health boards would find this arrangement of immense value in all negotiations with the health authorities at Ottawa. It would be of the very greatest advantage to the members of the Federal House as well.

4. It would make for economy. There would be one responsible head, and differences of effort, which is always costly, would disappear. For the money spent, very much better results would be secured.