

There are those in every association who think they should always be in office. There still exists some of the old doctrine of the divine right of kings, where

"The breath of the wordly should depose
The deputy anointed by the Lord."

THE DUTY OF GOVERNMENTS WITH REGARD TO PUBLIC HEALTH.

It is becoming more and more apparent every day that preventive medicine is what must receive the most attention for the future. In the past the medical man fought disease single-handed and alone. Then came a time—and comparatively recent at that—when the profession became organized to press upon public authorities the necessity for legislation that would make for the health of the people.

What could any medical man do in the prevention of tuberculosis, the control of the plague, or the cure of rabies? The first of these calls for public aid to provide sanatoria, etc.; the second demands a proper quarantine system, with officers to carry out the regulations; and the third can only be possible with a Pasteur institute to furnish the facilities for treatment.

That an immense loss to the country is caused by the death of citizens from preventable diseases we have shown many times. As an ordinary investment some money spent in this way would be a good investment.

We are glad to notice from the *Transvaal Medical Journal* that there is every possibility of the Government creating a health department, with a medical man at its head. If this is done, the other portions of the British Empire will have a good example to copy from.

THE ONTARIO MEDICAL COUNCIL.

For a considerable time we have contended that the Ontario Medical Council should amend its ways. We have often pointed out that its methods lead to an expenditure of money that is not justifiable. There are too many committees and too many examinations.

The Medical Council should come to some arrangement with the universities so that these bodies would do all the examining in the earlier portion of the students' course. This would gain two useful reforms—marked economy in money and the doing away with needless examina-