

secure it. The members of the Legislature, no matter how honest and well-intentioned, must be informed as to what is the best thing to do; and this must be done by the doctors of Ontario.

No mistake will be made by assuming that the osteopaths, the chiropractors, the Christian Scientists, will all do their utmost to secure as large a measure of freedom to practise their systems as possible. They will do their best to instill into the ears of the legislators their views. It is, therefore, the duty, the imperative duty, of the medical profession to place before these legislators correct views. This cannot be done in a day, and it must not be left until it is too late. Now is the time to act. "Act, act in the living present," said Longfellow.

The keynote should be that there should be only one portal of entry. There should be a minimum, below which no one should be permitted to practise medicine. When this standard has been attained by all, then each one may thereafter be a dermatologist, an ophthalmologist, an oculist, a surgeon, an obstetrician, or even an *arthrologist*, an *osteopath*, or a *spinal column puncher*, under the name of *chiropractor*, if he so desires. He must, however, pass the Council qualification first.

INSPECTOR OF PRISONS AND ASYLUMS.

Major A. MacKay, M.D., has been appointed by the Government of Ontario to the position of Inspector of Prisons and Asylums and institutions receiving aid under the Hospital and Charitable Institutions Act. In the appointment of Dr. A. MacKay the Government has made a good choice, and the public will receive the benefit of a faithful official. Dr. MacKay was for a time chief medical officer of the Toronto Board of Education looking after the health of the school children of Toronto. He voluntarily gave up this position to go to England with the Ontario Military Hospital. We congratulate Dr. MacKay on his new appointment.

In the department to which Dr. MacKay has been appointed there is much work to be done, and we feel quite assured Dr. MacKay will do it. If sound judgment and urbanity, coupled with energy, make up the essential qualities of a good officer, then we think Dr. MacKay will make good his appointment.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE AND DISEASE.

It must be taken for granted that when the Christian Scientists bring a lecturer to Toronto that he is recognized as a true exponent of their views on religion and disease; for religion and healing go hand in hand with this cult.