

The rapid changes and development in both medicine and surgery will soon require a longer and more extensive course than at present, and we can confidently depend upon the Ontario Medical Council keeping up the standard required to meet the exigencies of the time. We can also trust the efficient staff of each of our medical colleges to make the clinical teaching keep pace with the large amount of work now required in the laboratory so that our graduates may be as skilled in their observation of symptoms as they are in chemical and microscopic analysis.

We are glad to note the ever-increasing number of our practitioners who are spending a greater or lesser length of time in post-graduate work. Has not the time arrived for the establishment of a post-graduate course in Toronto? We have physicians as well instructed in scientific medicine, and surgeons who operate as skilfully, as can be found anywhere. Our hospitals, too, have increased in number and importance, so that plenty of material could be at hand. A staff formed by the union of our best men to give a post-graduate course could not fail to be of benefit to the Province and afford opportunities for advanced study to many who could not, and to many who should not, be allowed to go elsewhere.

We are glad to notice the increased number of hospitals throughout Ontario. It means a great deal to the afflicted, and particularly to those of limited means. It will give our local surgeons and practitioners a chance to do much better work, and to obtain vastly better results from the improved regime possible in a more general use of the hospital. We trust it will not be many years until every town in Ontario will have its hospital.

We congratulate Lady Minto on her success in the establishment of cottage hospitals, and feel sure she will be rewarded for her labors in this direction by the benefit obtained by those afflicted ones who will receive care and treatment therein. In our city hospitals I would endorse what our immediate Past-President, Dr. Powell, proposed last year, that the term of the house surgeon should be extended to at least eighteen months, and so arranged that only one-half the staff be relieved at one time, so that skilled and expert men may be always in attendance. In this way a new appointee would not occupy a responsible position until trained for it and a skilled anesthetist would always be available.

In provincial legislation the only matter of special note is the regulation adopted by the Provincial Board of Health on Feb. 12th last *re* scarlet fever. It has occasioned a great deal of ad-