

surgical practitioners, on strictly ethical lines. I believe I was the first regularly qualified medical practitioner in Ontario to do this, otherwise I would not go into these details; but I think that my experience may be of some assistance in this matter.

A couple of months after coming to Toronto, at the request of the Board of Trustees of the Toronto General Hospital, I instituted and conducted a Department of Medical and Surgical Electricity there. Shortly afterwards, I performed a similar service for the Hospital for Sick Children, and when St. Michael's Hospital was organized my services were again utilized.

The leading British hospitals are fully equipped with apparatus for physiotherapy.

In the United States there is an association devoted wholly to the cultivation and promotion of knowledge in whatever relates to the application of electricity and other physical measures in medicine and surgery. Only regularly qualified practitioners of medicine and surgery, who must be graduates of recognized medical colleges and members in good standing of their national and respective state medical societies, can become active members of this body, known as the American Electro-Therapeutic Association.

We have heard a great deal about osteopathy, chiropractic, manotherapy, drugless medicine, and Christian Science, as a means of healing our poor bodies, and there is no doubt that each may do much good. With this no one should find fault. But we believe that most of them are based on erroneous principles, and we do object to this, if these principles are to be taught in colleges here.

It is a very poor handful of chaff that does not contain at least one grain of good wheat. Now these grains can be picked out of all these handfuls and utilized, while the chaff is thrown away; and this is being done. One is quite safe in saying that there is nothing which these various cults have accomplished which cannot be accomplished at least equally well by rational recognized physical measures.

Physical measures will not cure all diseases, nor will any of these other cults. Many diseases must still be dealt with by medicine and surgery. Physiotherapy is merely one of the specialties of the practise of medicine, to be used in harmony and co-operation with that practise.

The trouble is that while many prominent physicians and surgeons and many hospitals admit that physical methods are