

recognition of the means for care and prevention. Great credit is due to Dr. Rosebrugh for his untiring efforts in creating public sentiment in favor of this measure, and we are confident that this bill will lead all the world as a new economic movement to diminish the misery and crime which associate and follow alcoholic drinking. It is evident that measures of like character must be adopted by every state in the Union before they can successfully treat the drink problem.

THE QUARTERLY MEETING OF THE PROVINCIAL BOARD OF HEALTH.

Amongst the many matters of interest which engaged the attention of the Provincial Board of Health at its recent quarterly meeting was one of financial importance to the medical profession. Some people have got so accustomed to take for granted the charitable acts of medical men, that they often think the doctor should serve the public—the body politic—for nothing. Recently a medical practitioner was engaged to attend certain poor typhoid patients and safeguard the community by proper attention to their cases. The municipal authorities endeavored to shirk payment, and the matter came up before the Provincial Board. To any of our brethren who are similarly treated it will be useful to find that the Public Health Act contemplates the employment and payment by the municipality for the proper care of persons suffering from “smallpox, diphtheria, scarlet fever, cholera or typhoid fever.” (Sec. 93 and others), and the authorization of two members of the local board of health is sufficient warrant. (Sec. 57 and others.)

It is a long time since we severed association with our friends the barbers, but boards of health have of late been taking up the question of the propagation of syphilis and other forms of contagious diseases by the armamentaria and medicamenta of the barbers. Another Provincial Board has been securing the co-operation of some of the leading members of the Barbers Association in providing for instruction and licensing of barbers, inspection of shops, the sterilization of their appliances and maintenance of aseptic technique. A conference was held with them at the office of the Board during its recent meeting, and the matter was well received. In many of the better class shops the same feeling is expressed.

During the whole summer and early autumn the bacteriologist of the Board, Dr. John Amyot, has been in Berlin, Ont., making experiments in connection with the sewage farm there.