

Medicine is not a highly-paid profession. There is often much loss. There are no chances, as in business life. It is up hill and down dale, and plod, plod, plod.

With uncompromising bluntness the prospective medical students needs to be told that the practise of the profession no longer lures its votaries as of yore.

The rapid advancement of public health is cutting wide swaths in the professional income. Practice is beset upon all sides by all sorts of fakirs—not in the country, of course. There is more money and ease in city and town.

As a whole the medical profession is in a precarious condition—and in Ontario, reform (whatever that may mean) is in the air. The present is a good time to keep out.

Insanity steadily increases year by year in Ontario. Indeed, for that matter, an inspection of the statistics for the various provinces would probably show that it was increasing all over the Dominion. In a generation the number of insane has doubled in Ontario.

There is much talk and work in connection with the prevention of other diseases, but in this, the most lamentable of all diseases, there is practically nothing done in the way of prevention.

Scanning the causes in the report on another page, a goodly number is ascribed to moral causes, which, through proper understanding and education, might be prevented. The large number of 890 inherited a predisposition.

Marriage restrictions might be able to do good work here. Probably the time will come when preventive officers will bring within the public health domain the work which should be inaugurated in preventing insanity.

Spasmophilia.—Blühdorn (*Ber. Klin. Wochen.*) says that if lime be given in spasmophilia in nurslings in the hope of securing rapid action it should be administered in very large doses. The best salt is the uncrystallized chloride. Its action is prompt but transitory. In acute manifestations its action is valuable, but in convulsions one cannot dispense with chloral. It can be given over long periods and dieting need not be carried out to the usual extent.