

an *ignis fatuus* which leads us on—and we may in our zeal, venture to name our mighty rapid a Lachine—but still it is truth and truth only that is our one endeavour.

Our pursuit must never be aimless and I invite the executives of each of the sections to assist in directing the forces of the succeeding year in such a way as will ensure a maximum of success and a minimum of wasted effort. The suggestions thus handed on will ensure a steady development.

Even as it is, what a wealth of experience is available for each of our fellows who makes his attendance a serious effort, who takes the programme and directs his reading along the lines it suggests, and makes it a resolve to assist his fellows onward. As iron sharpeneth iron so will such a fellow increase the usefulness of his section.

We hope to issue an advance notice of our season's course of study and invite your careful perusal thereof, and a regular preparation for each evening's task.

During the summer your officers have had a few matters of importance to transact. The Commissioner invited us to a couple of final interviews upon the position taken up by the followers of the various cults seeking to assist us in the pursuit of medical truth, and we have reason to expect that his report has been finished, and that its proposals will presently be laid before the Government and the public. There will be need of a close scrutiny of this report by every Fellow, in a united endeavour upon our part to secure our one aim, that every student of medicine, in the widest application of the term, be required to take the one full course of study and pass the required tests, after which he may practise as he may elect.

It is interesting to note in this connexion that the labour and research of our past president, Dr. Ferguson, in the preparation of the articles upon "False Systems of Healing" has been recognized officially by the American Medical Association's Council on Medical Education.

As you are aware, the Academy held a special meeting in July and placed upon record its view upon the failure of the Government to place the care of the returned soldier in such hands as the profession could trust and respect. I regret to say that matters, up to the present, have not been improved, nor have either the daily press or the Government shown any serious appreciation of the fact that the questions involved are primarily medical and as such amenable only to a medical tribunal.

The Academy has also taken steps to meet the attempt to