

this is wisely used an immense amount of good should be done. It is proposed to appoint a commission to take over this phase of the work coming under the Act. If such a commission is chosen, it should be composed of the very ablest men that can be found.

SUPREME IMPERTINENCE.

In the Evening Star a short time ago there appeared a lengthy letter from H. W. Mc Laren, who calls himself a chiropractor. He challenged Dr. McCallum to enter a contest with him. This arose out of some remarks of Dr. McCallum in his presidential address before the Canadian Medical Association.

There are two things in this world of which there is an unlimited supply, namely, ignorance and gall or self assumption. These two qualities are found in the chiropractors and osteopaths in full measure. When a chiropractor challenges to a treating contest and mentions the following list of diseases, one can only feel a sense of profound shame. Here is the list: "Paralysis in its many forms, infantile hemiplegia, paraplegia, monoplegia, diplegia, etc., tuberculosis just at beginning of second stage, heart disease, Bright's disease, diabetes, and appendicitis—in fact, any disease he may name, so long as they shall be a decisive test."

What gross ignorance we have here revealed. A person is ill with paraplegia as the result of a former transverse myelitis, and the poor chiropractor puts such a case in as one for a curing contest. Then, again, take an old case of Bright's disease that has lasted for ten years. The kidneys are small, hard and with adherent capsule. This, too, in his superb ignorance or gall goes in.

The whole thing comes down to this that chiropractic and osteopathy are in no sense systems of treatment. They are a very limited phase of therapeutics, and under the head of rubbing and manipulation. Suppose a nurse took a course in massage and then started as the exponent of a new system, the analogy would be correct. Organizations, such as the osteopaths and the chiropractors, go on for some time evading the law as well as possible, and then all at once claim "vested rights."

When the Ontario Government appoints the commission already announced, it will be necessary for the medical profession of this province to act with wisdom, tact and firmness. If these bodies are to be allowed to practise under these names, it should be made obligatory that they undergo a thorough course of training. If they have to do this they may not be quite so fond of their chiropratics and osteopathy. They will have to go through a course of study before they can deal with the people, and this is what they do not wish to do.