

“Only a few of these concerns operating in Ontario have come under my direct notice, but enough has been shown to indicate that they are merely profit-earning private enterprises with neither space, equipment nor teaching staff worthy the name.

“Legislation is urgently needed to stamp out the use of any name that will indicate that collegiate work or instruction in medicine or any medical manipulative method or any so-called science, either of medicine, optics, or otherwise within the sphere of the healing art, is being taught. Those incorporated should have their privileges withdrawn at once, and it should be made an offence for any one or more, except under proper regulations, if such should be needed, to use the name college or any similar name in connection with his business or profession, if that is in any way allied to medicine or the healing or alleviating of disease or pain.”

It would be impossible to have a more telling denunciation of these spurious schools or colleges, or bodies for treating all sorts of ailments. If this sort of thing is permitted there will spring up a body of people who will seek incorporation as a School of Water-Curers or hydrotherapists, and others as climate-curers or climatologists, and others as food-curers or dietologists, or, if they knew the latin for food, cibologists. There would be no end to the crazy procession.

Now is the time to end all this. The people have been exploited beyond all reason now. Incorporate the Chiropodists and they will soon be treating club feet as well as “corns”; and then woe to the child with a deformed foot that is in need of a skilled orthopedist.

I am, yours truly,

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DRUGLESS HEALERS.

Much has been said, most of it pure nonsense, about the merits of drugless healing. There is no such thing, and there is nothing new in the claim, or rather clamour. It would, we think, be impossible to find in the whole Province of Ontario a single regular practitioner who has not treated patients without the administration of drugs. We have known of cases of typhoid treated throughout the entire illness without a single dose of medicine, as proper directions regarding diet, nursing, sponging, sanitation, and rest being all that was required.

But while this is true, it would be impossible to find a regular practitioner who has not employed drugs when the need for them arose. The medical attendant would be very remiss who would not administer an anodyne to one passing through the tortures of an attack or renal