

trifling cause; and yet only a small portion of the residents of the city know anything of the case.

Under the circumstances we consider it remarkable that the members of our profession are so careless about insuring against accidents. The great majority insure their property against fire, while only a small proportion, so far as our information goes to show, insure their bodies against accidents. We believe this should not be the case, because a broken thigh is quite as serious a matter both for a doctor and family as the destruction of a portion of his property by fire; while death from an accident is as great a calamity from a money point of view as the destruction of his house and furniture. We think, therefore, that every physician without independent means should carry an accident policy; and, at the same time, should be careful to deal with a reliable company, and have due regard to special clauses relating to septicæmia. In expressing these views with reference to accident insurance we have no desire to ignore the question of life insurance, which is of paramount importance. The receipt of twenty-five or fifty dollars a week by a physician who is incapacitated for work through an accident is rather *comforting* to the family. All things considered, we would be inclined to give life insurance first place, and, at the same time, give the accident insurance a *good second*.

THE INTERNATIONAL MEETING OF RAILWAY SURGEONS.

WE learn from Dr. Riordan, the chairman of the Committee of Arrangements for the coming meeting of this large international society, that considerable progress has been made in the way of organization, and that much work is now being done. The Toronto City Council has promised a grant of five hundred dollars to be used in assisting to entertain the visitors. The various railway companies of Canada and the United States will do their share especially in bringing delegates to and from this meeting. The meeting will be held July 6, 7, and 8. It is rather unfortunate that two other important meetings will be going on at the same time, viz., the regular session of the Ontario Medical Council in Toronto, and the meeting of Life Insurance Medical Directors in Montreal.

This will be the eleventh annual meeting of the Railway Surgeons' Association, and the first held outside the borders of the