

knowledge as to right living, fresh air, temperance, personal hygiene, home sanitation, pure milk, will result during the present decade in a yet greater diminution in the death rate and a larger decrease in the morbidity.

Cancer in Ontario.—Whilst tuberculosis is declining in Ontario, cancer is increasing. Towards reducing cancer nothing has been done, and the reason is all too obvious—its exact nature is not known to medical science.

The deaths from cancer are thus recorded: 1902, 1,048; 1903, 1,156; 1904, 1,253; 1905, 1,224; 1906, 1,411; 1907, 1,329; 1908, 1,348.

Having in mind, then, the undoubted good work which has been done in checking the spread of tuberculosis and the good work which may be done in checking the increase of cancer, there would appear to be every reason that the Government of the Province might wisely consider it a justifiable procedure to place a special competent official in charge of all the work pertaining to the prevention and spread of these two diseases in Ontario.

At The Beginning of a New Year the minds of the medical profession are very apt like those of other callings in life to take stock of the old or the past year.

Some like to recall the achievements medical science has brought about in the past twelve months; others recall the ravages of the man with the scythe; whilst yet others take a more mercenary view and take pleasure in counting up the shekels in the strong box—or bemoan their bad luck, if there are no shekels to count.

Having kept some tab on medical affairs financial, appearing as special articles and editorials in various exchanges, it looks very much as though the physician, meaning the general practitioner, is viewing a decreasing annual income with no inconsiderable alarm, and that he is looking around for the cause.

This is not far to seek. The multiplication of doctors, the abuse of medical charity, lodge practice, the inroads of sanitary science, specialism—these are all tending to abridge the work and the income of the man in general medicine.

The age is one where specialism in all departments of manufacture and commercial life is predominant; it is equally true of medicine. Sanitary science is on the up-grade, and will sooner or