

In England, Broadbent, Playfair, McCormack, and indeed all the leading members of the profession, have taken the matter up, and under the patronage of the Prince of Wales and Lord Salisbury, have banded themselves into an association or League for the Prevention of Tuberculosis. Such a similar association the situation demands in Ontario. There the Association has taken up the work of popular education on the subject. Here a similar work is demanded to set in motion the splendid machinery provided under the Act.

What is especially demanded of such an association is, that the work shall be controlled in the highest interests of science; and to this end it becomes the duty of the profession to become the leaders in the work in every county.

To them we look for guidance in the selection of sites, the planning and construction of buildings, and the chief voice in the management. It will not do for the profession to take a merely passive or advisory part in the work.

We are aware of not a few instances where an undue prominence of the lay element has worked disastrously in the interests of science in the construction and management of our hospitals. In this work in which the supervision of the consumptive demands, as Walther and others have shown in Germany, the most thorough scientific knowledge of medicine, of hygiene and climatology, associated with the highest executive capacity for obtaining the best results, this point of medical supervision must be especially recognized.

Already the physicians of Toronto have taken steps to organize a Toronto Branch of the proposed Provincial Association, and have carefully considered the details of such an association. It is expected that steps will be taken while this Association is in session to organize a Provincial Association, under which may be formed many local associations, and which in its turn will become one of eight in a yet larger Dominion Association. Such association has been promised the distinguished patronage of the representative of Her Majesty in the Province, Sir Oliver Mowat, whose name is so intimately associated with that wonderful aggregation of charities which has made Ontario the admiration of countries across the sea.

The work is national, touching as it does the life of the individual, the happiness of the family, the vigor of the people, and the welfare of the state. Its scope is the investigation of the social influences which tend to deterioration, whether physically, intellectually or morally; and which it is the proud privilege of medical science especially to prosecute. To the profession, who are the "eyes and ears" of the people in all which affects them most personally, society looks for guidance as implicitly as