

to diagnose the enormous number of diseases of the body of which their local conditions form only a fraction. I can truthfully say that I have never yet seen a single correct diagnosis made by my unlearned confreres; and apart from the serious errors that I could describe, but which I see no reason in detailing, I may add that I have yet to see one organic disease of the nervous system which they have cured.

It is unnecessary to prolong this argument, but let me recapitulate my remarks:

(1) The medical practitioner is a highly educated man, trained to diagnose the cause and nature of disease, and to deduce proper treatment, and in cases to carry it out.

The irregular practitioner is an uneducated man as regards the science of medicine, and is only a technical agent in the treatment of disease.

(2) These two classes must be kept separate, and while the medical profession must be kept up to its full standard, and in time this raised still higher; on the other hand these irregular practitioners must be controlled and limited entirely in their prerogatives to treatment, in no way whatever being allowed to assume any position or work where diagnosis is necessary.

(3) The man with a university education should only have the right to the degree of doctor, which to the public means having the ability to tell what is the matter with them.

(4) The non-educated practitioner should be certificated, and not degraded.

(5) No American degrees of any sort should be recognized. I must thank you, sir, for your attention.

---

## DIAGNOSIS AND ITS IMPORTANCE.

---

BY J. H. ELLIOTT, M.D., TORONTO.

---

I desire simply to say a few words, your Lordship, with reference to the importance of preliminary training. Preliminary training in certain scientific lines is, I consider, absolutely essential in order that a man may be qualified to make an accurate diagnosis, which is most important from the point of view of the treatment, and also important from the point of view of the family in order that the physician may be able to give an opinion as to whether the disease is one that is incurable or otherwise.