

Professor Barker stated that typhoid fever was responsible for 100,000 deaths yearly in the United States. This is a fearful bill and to this must be added the sickness of those who recover. All this is due to dirt—practically to human excrement getting into water. Some care and some money will put an end to most of this time and life loss.

The ravages of sleeping sickness are now coming under control. It is now known that monkeys, dogs, horses, cattle and man may be among its victims, and that *glossina palpalis*, or tsetse fly is the carrier. Rooting out the breeding grounds of these flies, and at once destroying infected animals in time will convert the stricken regions into healthy ones. It is thought that about 40,000 persons annually die of this disease.

But this by no means tells the whole story. The plague and cholera will never again stalk across the earth's surface as in days gone by. The wings of these disease have been clipped and their feet have been bound.

The good work has not been ended. There is much yet to be done. Attention must be directed to the venereal diseases. Widespread instruction must be given on these diseases. It is estimated that in Germany there are 40,000, in Britain 10,000, and in the United States 15,000 persons blind owing to attacks of gonorrhœal ophthalmia. This is only a tithe of the damage. Think of the vast amount of disease special to women from this disease! In the case of syphilis the evils are quite beyond calculation.

In the face of what the medical profession has done unaided, it is high time the people opened the public purse to aid in this work. It is true some rich persons have done well, but countries as such have not. Can they give a reason? Poor Morton was refused a grant by the United States Government, yet, during the great civil war what would that country have done without anæsthesia?

When Carroll lost his life in his work on yellow fever it was not his country, but his professional brethren that stayed the hand of the holder of the mortgage on his home, and prevented his widow and children being turned on the street.

Two things are needed for the people and by the people—education and money.

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#### THE ONTARIO UNIVERSITIES AND THE MEDICAL COUNCIL.

The time was when no very clear conception existed as to what was best in medical education that it was thought the proper course for all to be examined by the medical council. In those days the universities did not teach medicine and gave degrees in medicine as the result of writ-