

previous experience in a lower grade of the specialty, and proven his fitness by passing an examination before promotion.

In conclusion, gentlemen, I would urge upon the profession that they should combine to right this wrong in the matter of asylum appointments. If only the medical men of this province, as a whole, would say, "We wish the system of the promotion of deserving juniors to be established," no Government dare gainsay them. It is for this Association, representing as it does the very pick of the profession to set the ball rolling, and I sincerely trust that ere the close of your sessions some steps towards that end will be taken. In this way, better than any other I know of, you will put yourselves in a position to attain the ideals for asylum work in Ontario, a height which I feel sure you all aspire to see to see the service reach.

THE LETTER AND THE SPIRIT.

Several years ago the North American Life Assurance Company subscribed \$500 in one year to the National Tuberculosis Association, and the following year the same sum to the Gravenhurst Sanitarium, expressing their intention of contributing this annually. By a communication from the Commissioner for Insurance from Ottawa, they were forbidden to do this, and they ceased further subscription. In the Report of the Royal Commission on Insurance, these facts are stated, and if we mistake not, the findings of the Commission reflected on the Company for this proceeding. The manager stated that two policy-holders had derived great benefit from treatment at Gravenhurst and the company directors considered that it was a good investment to support the institution on behalf of the body of their policy holders.

We agree with them. Germany agrees with them. The magnificent sanitarium at Gerbersdorf was built by an insurance company who considered that thus they were making a good investment: this their government allows them to do. Their government has probably given a good deal of thought to the problem; our government, judged by results, has given none. Who is likely to be the better informed on the subject? Germany, we think.

Now it must be stated that the Commissioner of Insurance and the Government spoke according to the law and were technically right. So, according to the law, were the Priest and the Levite who passed by on the other side, while the Samaritan who did not trouble about the legal bond that tied him to his fellow man, became a by-word for disinterested