

more disastrous to the doctors themselves than the progress of preventive medicine, but we have to face that difficulty, and it is a matter of great importance that men of enlightened public spirit like His Grace should come to such a meeting as this, not only to appeal for funds, but to give the countenance of his position and of his knowledge and experience of affairs to a large national question which concerns the benefit of the whole community—doctors not less than any other member of the community. Our progress, of course, must necessarily be slow. All scientific progress is slow, but the methods which are now being pursued are, I am quite sure, certain, and sooner or later we shall be within reach of our goal. I do not mean to say that I think the cause of cancer or any secret of its cure is already within the reach of scientific investigation, but we are very nearly ascertaining the conditions under which cancer occurs. That has been obtained by research, and it is in the encouragement of research that the presence of such men as his Grace does so much to steady public opinion. I have very much pleasure in seconding the motion proposed by Sir Thomas Barlow. (Applause.)

The motion was passed with acclamation.

The President: Ladies and gentlemen, I am very much obliged to Sir Thomas Barlow and to Sir John Tweedy for the kind terms in which they have proposed this vote, and to you for the kind reception you have given to it. I can only assure you that if I can be of assistance at all in any capacity whatever to the Imperial Cancer Research Fund it will be a source of sincere satisfaction to myself to render that assistance. (Applause.)

The proceedings then terminated.

MEDICAL PREPARATIONS, ETC.

PROMPT RELIEF IN SCIATIC PAIN.

In reporting his experience in the treatment of sciatica, Fred. E. Davis, M.D., writes as follows in *Annals of Gynaecology*: "I have been giving antikamnia and codeine tablets a thorough trial in the treatment of sciatica, and I must say that my success has been phenomenal indeed. I have also induced two other physicians to give them a trial, and their success equals or surpasses my own. I meet with many cases of sciatica, and before adopting antikamnia and codeine tablets I used a great deal of opium and morphine to relieve the pain. Since then, I have not given either. One of my patients had been confined to bed for three weeks dur-