

## Cures Of Unqualified Practitioners

Speaking at the meeting of the neurology and psychiatry section of the Medical Congress yesterday, the chairman of the section, Dr. John K. Adey, of Victoria, said that one direction in which research would be profitable would be an enquiry into the cures made by unqualified people. "The medical profession shuts its eyes to the fact that many unqualified practitioners do get a certain number of results," Dr. Adey said. "It is quite useless for us to dismiss these with a wave of the hand and say they are charlatanism and quite unworthy of a reputable practitioner," he added. "I do not suggest we should copy their methods, but if some methods of charlatanism have curative value, they should be subjected to proper scientific investigation, and their results used in the proper manner."

Dr. Adey said he considered that efforts at passing legislation for the compulsory sterilisation of the unfit were premature and unwarranted. "Any attempt to bully the general public into taking care of its own health will recoil on our own heads by losing us the general body of intelligent people," Dr. Adey said. "The function of the profession is to act as medical advisers and not as medical commanders."