

vestigations upon uric acid and has attacked the subject from both the clinical and the laboratory side.

The Association of French-speaking Physicians of North America have issued a most cordial invitation to the profession at large, and officially to sister societies, to share in the deliberations of the Second Congress to be held at Laval on the 28th of June. Nothing but good can be accomplished by the fullest acceptance of this privilege.

THE GOOD PHYSICIAN.

The lengthening of the session from six to nine months postpones the valedictory address well into midsummer, to a time when great truths do not find so ready an entrance into the graduate mind, as in the customary month of May. For three and thirty years, the Spring number of this Journal has been enriched by the wisdom of a valedictory address, and it does not seem right that this one should issue forth wanting in that particular. We shall therefore pretend to supply from another source something that will take its place, setting up, as it were, a tulchan valedictory.

Last year, Dr. Buller lamented the paucity of themes, which were open to one, about to indulge in that form of revelation. There is, in truth, but one theme fitting for the occasion, namely, the personal responsibility of the entrants into the profession towards themselves, towards each other and towards those to whom they are about to minister. The thing is a rite, a ceremony performed in an established or prescribed manner. It has a ritual of its own, which should be conducted within the University walls, instead of in some chance meeting place, and it should be done with the full ceremonial of academic pomp and dignity.

There need be no hesitation on the part of a valedictorian in choosing The Good Physician for his theme. It has the sanction of custom. It has been done before, and by none better than by Thomas Fuller, "whose wit, alike in quantity, quality and perpetuity, surpassing that of the wittiest in a witty age, robbed him of the praise due to him for an equal superiority in sound, shrewd good sense and freedom of intellect." But that is long ago, near three hundred years; some may have forgotten his counsel, and that is the present excuse for recalling the words of the eminent divine to the minds of valedictorians, who may be in search of inspiration.

The Holy State and the Profane State was published in 1642, and contains an estimation of the Good Physician in a number of maxims.

Maxim I.—*He trusteth not the single witness of the water, if better*