

With increased wealth, comes greater leisure which leads to a higher culture, a higher plane of thought.

Let us, as a profession, be alive to our needs and establish a high ideal. Although we may not be able, at once, to attain this high standard, yet, it should ever be before us, constantly stimulating to farther efforts.

We should encourage our students to be thorough and well grounded in their preliminary training. A great deal can be done by our medical associations in advocating the higher education of students in medicine. You can strengthen the hands of those who have in charge the matriculation and medical curricula. I do not pretend to say that a high standard of education will make every man great and brilliant. Some will be great and brilliant in defiance of all the defects of our curriculum. If there be inherent greatness in spite of disadvantages, how much greater eminence may such men be enabled to attain under superior advantages?

DOMINION REGISTRATION.

A uniform standard of medical education throughout the Dominion is much to be desired, and the advantages derived therefrom are many. Our country is vast and many sections are being rapidly populated.

We had all hoped that we were within reach of a solution of the vexed problem of Dominion registration. All the provinces, even Quebec, appeared satisfied with the provisions of the bill when passed.

You will remember that the original draft of the bill contained the clause, "when five or more provinces consent." This clause was obnoxious to the Dominion Government and it compelled those in charge of the bill to change it to "all the provinces must consent" before the work can be begun. This action of the Government, which we now know, was done in order to placate Quebec, was particularly unfortunate, as it was the means of wrecking Dominion registration for the present.

Five provinces, viz., Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Prince Edward Island, Manitoba and the North-West Territories, have passed the necessary legislation—to the effect, that anyone possessing the license of the Dominion Medical Council may enter any of these provinces and practise his profession on the payment of the registration fee of the province. The North-West Territories enacted, in addition that *this qualification alone would admit to practise there*. The Province of Ontario has not, as yet, endorsed this bill. The Premier, Mr. Ross, has expressed himself as being very strongly favorable and volunteered to take charge of it himself, but there is no doubt that his unstable tenure of office and the very grave charges brought against some members of his cabinet,