

lous public with our ability to heal. Unfortunately the great majority of suffering humanity are unable, from their total ignorance of pathology, to discriminate between those diseases which, humanly speaking, are absolutely incurable, and those on the contrary whose tendency is towards a favorable termination. Hence these naturally fall a prey to the machinations of the unprincipled charlatan, who with vain deceit leads on his victims to their physical ruin and worldly embarrassment. Forsooth, we are told, that to raise a warning voice, and endeavor by legislation to rid society of such members is to interfere with the liberty of the subject. It is not jealousy that impels us in our action against those clever rogues who can amass riches when honest men starve,—give us our due, it is not jealousy,—but an honest desire, irrespective of our profession, to protect our fellows from fraud. It has been well sung :

" When men of infamy to grandeur soar,
They light a torch to show their shame the more ;
Those Governments that curb not evils, cause ;
And a rich knave 's a libel on our laws."

You are called upon then, Gentlemen, on the very eve of your professional birth to do battle for legitimate medicine. This refers especially to those of you whose lot will be cast in the neighboring Province of Ontario, which seems to be the favorite haunt of those proteges of the *Toronto Globe*.

The influence which many of you must of necessity wield in a few years, cannot better be employed than in assisting to stock the legislatures of your respective Provinces with men, either professional or lay, having decided and intelligent views on the all-important subject of medical legislation. The fact is we are nowhere as well represented at Court as we might be. We are not the power in the state we should be. It is true there are members of our profession in our General and Local Parliaments, but with a rare exception, how feeble are their voices when we would expect to find them loudest in debate. There are two or three who do us credit, and whom we delight in honouring,