

We are accustomed to regard with wonder the achievements of modern invention in the art of war, and to contemplate with amazement the perfected instruments of destruction that strengthen the hands of modern belligerents, but the general who advances to battle with all these at his command has no greater advantage over a barbarous foe than modern medical searchers after truth in the realms of disease have over their empirical brothers of the prebiological period. Possessing these advantages, and stimulated by this prospect, it is reasonable to suppose there will, in the near future, arise men whose investigations, beginning where those of Sanderson, Koch, Virchow and Pasteur leave off, will be equally brilliant and equally conducive to human happiness and longevity. The country that produces these men will be the country that affords the best medical education to those entering the profession, and that most facilitates original investigation for those who have chosen that field of labor. No physician in this country worthy of the profession to which he belongs can be indifferent to the position Canada shall occupy in the honorable and honored competition in which so many are and will be engaged.

The future of the medical profession in this as in any other country will largely depend upon the natural ability and the mental and moral training in childhood and youth of those entering its ranks ; so that in considering any scheme for the creation of a high standard of medical qualification, domestic training and the plan of education pursued in public schools must be recognized as bearing an important part.

It has been said that poets are born and not made : a saying that is not untrue when applied to medical men, for a combination of mental and moral qualities which cannot be wholly acquired enters into the character of every great physician. It is cause for regret that greater discrimination is not exercised in directing young men in the choice of a business or profession, and that convenience and not natural aptitude should frequently determine a young man's course in life. There are so many examples of men rising from obscurity to great eminence in every vocation that there has arisen a popular impression that all obstacles and natural defects can be compensated