

in training the medical man to speak of what he has seen and done.

But brighter and brighter days are coming to us. We can see them in that most beautiful of all the mirrors of public opinion, in the writings of great authors. Moliere, Rabelais, and Le Sage hold up doctors to scorn as ignorant charlatans or pedants, while Emile Zola gives us, in his last novel, *La Debacle*, the helpful, humane and intelligently patriotic doctors Bouroche and Dalichamp. And we may rest assured that in spite of a prejudiced judiciary and a press which, from business motives, is unfavourable to us on every possible occasion, we will soon reach here in America the position the profession has already attained on the Continent. And when we have won that position the fees will take care of themselves.

SIXTH ANNUAL BANQUET OF THE UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO MEDICAL COLLEGE.

The annual dinner was held at the Rossin House on December 1st, and was a most decided success. The presence of His Excellency the Governor-General, His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor of Ontario, Hon. Chancellor Boyd, Messrs. Justices Rose and Falconbridge, Hon. Richard Harcourt, Acting-Minister of Education, and Vice-Chancellor Mulock added eclat to the interesting proceedings. In addition to these and the members of the teaching staff, the following guests were present: Principal Caven, Principal Dickson, Principal MacMurchy, Mr. W. F. McLean, M.P., Prof. Alfred Baker, Prof. Dale, Prof. Badgeley, Dr. C. O'Reilly, Mr. E. E. Sheppard, Mr. W. S. Lee, Mr. Spotten, Dr. J. B. Willmott, Mr. Embree, Mr. Torrington, and Drs. E. E. King, Price, Brown, R. B. Nevitt, H. H. Oldright, Milnei, Fotheringham and W. H. B. Aikins.

Mr. W. P. Thompson, B.A., made an excellent chairman. In proposing the toast of the "Medical Faculty," called upon the Dean, Dr. W. T. Aikins, Dr. J. H. Richardson and Mr. Irving Cameron to reply.

Lord Stanley and His Honour Lieut.-Governor Kirkpatrick arrived about eleven o'clock, and were received enthusiastically. The Governor-General made a most felicitous speech, and brought

down the house when he referred to himself as a "state-aided institution." The Lieut.-Governor also spoke in an appropriate manner. Hon. Richard Harcourt, Acting-Minister of Education, replied to the toast of the "Local Legislature." The chairman, when proposing the toast of "Toronto University," cordially congratulated Mr. Mulock upon his re-election to the position of Vice-Chancellor of the University. Mr. Mulock was very warmly received and spoke as follows:

"It is with great hesitation that I venture, in the presence of so many medical gentlemen representing, doubtless, various ideas concerning medical science, to refer to the subject from the standpoint of a non-professional observer; and if my opinions differ from those of my hearers, that circumstance should be some recommendation to them, with a profession which amongst its own members recognizes such latitude of opinion. Speaking, then, of medical science, I have been given to understand that until a very recent period medicine was regarded almost wholly as a curative art, with the result that the course of medical education in the old world as well as the new was limited to that aspect of the subject. Medical schools might multiply in number, but still they continued as mere imitators of an early prototype, imparting education but not aspiring to advance the science. Thus conducted, there was much in the contention that such institutions engaged simply in qualifying students to pursue an ordinary calling of life, and retaining for themselves the profits of the enterprise had no claim upon the public purse.

"But, sir, the inquiring, active and restless mind of the last few years has told the world that medical science involves more than the mere curative art, and already the searchlight of medical science has revealed great truths of nature whereby, under a scientific management, various classes of disease are preventible, and the well-grounded view obtained that this branch of research has scarcely been entered upon and the old notion of medical science, having to do with the curative art only, and even that not upon the most scientific basis, has been universally abandoned before the irresistible testimony furnished by the great discoveries of Pasteur, Lister, Koch and other great philanthropic searchers after light in the fields of scientific investigation. Sir, following on the dis-