

For our own part we extend to all students a most cordial and hearty welcome. We know something about their varied trials and vicissitudes, their labours and relaxations, their joys and sorrows, their hopes and fears, their early generousities and later impecuniosities. We know how highly they appreciate a kindly welcome and a helping hand. We know how worthy they are of such assistance. It is true, and hardly to be wondered at, considering the many hundreds who are for the first time away from home influences, that many errors are committed. We wish not to justify these, but we dislike exceedingly to see them grossly exaggerated as they frequently are. From a worldly point of view they deserve the kindest consideration at the hands of our citizens. They leave a large amount of money in the city during their residence, and at the same time they by their attendance at our various colleges and schools year after year have given Toronto the proud position of being the great educational centre of Canada.

To the medical students, with whom we are now especially concerned, we may say, your friends are many. They will be found not only in your colleges, but also among the clergymen of all denominations, and the general public including *both sexes*. May we venture to ask you to conduct yourselves at all times in a way which will meet the approbation of those interested in your welfare. College songs are excellent in their way but not suited for midnight hours in our public streets. Consider street lamps as things not superfluous and touch not *doctors' signs*.

THE TORONTO MEDICAL SCHOOLS.

We are informed that an unusually large number of students are registering at the Medical Schools of Toronto. We are pleased to know that they are making the most vigorous efforts to keep fully abreast of the times in all departments. The arrangements recently made for clinical

teaching are especially complete. In addition to the outdoor clinics, indoor clinics, and bedside instructions, the programme has provided for systematic teaching in the various special departments such as diseases of women, diseases of the eye and ear, throat, skin, etc. In framing this comprehensive system all the *schoolmen* of the hospital have been utilized including the specialists in midwifery, eye and ear disease etc.; and as a consequence the students derive an increased advantage from the fact that they are able to enjoy all the privileges thus placed at their disposal without any reference to the school to which they belong.

POISONING BY MISTAKE.

Another of these sad cases was added to the *long list* in September. Mr. Baxter, of Mount Brydges, obtained some powders from a drug store which should have been composed of santonine. By a *mistake* of the clerk strychnine was given instead, and its administration caused the death of two of Mr. Baxter's children. The druggist's clerk has been arrested under the charge of manslaughter.

It is a very serious thing to think that the lives of patients should be imperilled when going to drug stores for even the most harmless medicines. Young men are often careless even to a criminal extent, while the proprietors often show an amazing indifference to the safety of the public by placing in close proximity, and in similar bottles, what may be called safe medicines and the most deadly poisons. Druggists should be compelled to put all drugs which are poisonous in large doses in a separate place, and at the same time in receptacles with distinguishing characters of colour and shape. They might, for instance, be kept in red triangular shaped bottles in a closed cabinet while no other drugs were put in similar bottles. Will some of our medical men in the Legislature attend to this matter?