

emergency, and such strength of body as will make it possible for him to be a real help to his patients, are of prime importance. But the doctor might have all these and fall far short of the true ideal. He must be a true gentleman in every sense of the word; and to be this in the midst of life's strenuous battle is no easy matter. It can only be secured by an effort. But the finer the fruit the harder it is to cultivate.

There are many disappointments in the future for every doctor. He will "find mankind an unco squad, and muckle they may grieve him," in the words of Burns. He will be called upon to endure much ingratitude and experience dishonesty at the hands of those for whom he may have rendered his best services. This must ever be. Cæsar had his Brutus.

In the language of one of the old Latin authors, "One is never less alone than when alone." We would impress upon every medical student the habit of being alone with himself. He should often take stock of his whereabouts in his academic work and his scientific studies. It was that custom that has given the world such men as Justinian, Goethe, Darwin, Lister, Hunter, Harvey. So it will be in the future. There is great fear for the student who is always in the crowd.

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### A MINISTER OF HEALTH.

We take the present occasion of once more emphasizing what we have often emphasized on former occasions, that there should be a Federal Bureau of Health. There is much for such a body to do. What is every one's business is no one's business. The several provinces have their own ways of dealing with their own health affairs. But above all this we need some well organized control, medical control, of our national sanitary matters. We hope soon to see such a Bureau of Health for Canada.

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### THE CANADIAN MEDICAL ASSOCIATION.

The meeting this year was a very successful one. The attendance was large and the interest in the papers and discussions was well sustained.

One of the topics that affects the general public very much was the milk question. This subject was discussed fully. Dr. Machell's paper covered the ground very carefully. He argued for the importance of