

than the cultured, polished physician. Emerson says that "a gentleman is a man of truth, lord of his own actions and expressing that lordship in his behavior." In no way can this high ideal be so readily and effectually obtained as in the words of Ovid—"To have faithfully studied ingenuous arts softens manners."

Our country, although vast in extent, has not, until lately, attracted the attention of the better class of emigrants and settlers to the extent its importance demanded. Our great agricultural and mineral wealth has only recently been properly and fairly ascertained and placed before the world. We are now on the eve of a great and continued prosperity.

One of the great essentials to success or prosperity of any kind is for those concerned to have faith in themselves and their cause, whether it be our country, our profession, or a more elevated plane of life in general. A tone of intense optimism prevails, betokening that confidence and faith which ensures our prosperity. With increased wealth comes greater leisure which leads to a higher culture, a higher plane of thought.

Let us, as a profession, be alive to our needs and establish a high ideal, and endeavor to live up to it. Although we may not be able at once to attain this high standard, yet it should ever be before us, constantly stimulating to further efforts. We should encourage our students to be thorough and well grounded in their preliminary training. A great deal can be done by our medical associations in advocating the higher education of students in medicine. You can strengthen the hands of those who have in charge the matriculation and medical curricula. I do not intend to say that a high standard of education will make every man great and brilliant. Some will be great and brilliant in defiance of all the defects of our curriculum. If there be inherent greatness in spite of disadvantages, how much greater eminence may such men be enabled to attain under superior advantages?

DOMINION REGISTRATION.

A uniform standard of medical education throughout the Dominion is much to be desired, and the advantages derived therefrom are many. Our country is vast, and many sections are being rapidly populated. We had all hoped that we were within reach of a solution of the vexed problem of Dominion Registration. All the provinces, even the Province of Quebec, appeared satisfied with the provisions of the Bill when passed.