

worms and smugs. Mingle freely with your fellows, study them and get to know them—yea, regard it as a treasure of price if you have the fortune to gain the entree into the homes and family life of the citizens of this good city.

Lastly, although I believe that the new fifth year, spent as it will be largely in the hospital, will be magnificent training, I would urge every one of you to strive by every means to spend one or two years as a resident in some hospital before embarking in general practice. You may ill be able to afford the expense, and it may seem as though you are casting your bread upon the waters. I could only assure you that the loaves will be returned to you a hundred fold in the years that are to come.

An education such as you receive here in Toronto, the rational and necessary training of a capable physician, already let me impress upon you, costs double as much as either you or your parents pay for it. It is to the interest of the State that you should have the best possible education. But the result of the enormous increase in the cost of a modern medical education is that the proprietary medical school which in the past flourished in Canada, as it has done in the States to an even greater extent, is doomed. In competition with the schools connected with reputable universities it cannot afford the necessary expenditure without a heavy deficit. Within the last year no less than twelve of these have disappeared. The ungloved revelations of the Carnegie Report must result in the disappearance of all of them, and with them will go that manufacture of the crude unfinished article that has been the discredit of American medicine, the article poured out in such quantities that, compared with European, and it may be added, with living standards, this continent possesses at least four times as many medical men as are necessary. There is no need to-day, there is no place for the poor *untrained* student. The poor trained student is a very different matter. With the reduction of the output the well-trained man need not fear as to his future. Looked at purely from the commercial aspect, gentlemen, you can well afford the extra time necessary to make you sound practitioners.

It is to the interest of our universities, and for their reputations, that a thoroughly trained product be turned out, that quality not quantity be the goal. But unaided they cannot bring about the elevation of the medical profession. They need the support of public opinion and of the State. They must have, I would particularly add, the support of the provincial licensing bodies. What is the use of the University doing its best if the examination afforded by the provincial college of physicians and surgeons is of such a nature that it permits improperly quali-