

sample of a smart superficiality which prevails in the editorial chair, when "the man" is dumped there out of failure in another career, and who assumes that, because of his defects as a man of business, he must have been meant by nature for a leader of public opinion. Heaven save the mark!

It is all true that one need not be a scholar to be a good practical dentist. Our critic proves to us, too, that one need not have even common sense to be an editor. One may be as bewildered in the presence of a Latin numeral adjective as in an effort to count the stars, and yet be a good "tooth-puller." He may know no more about the six cases, or the declension of a simple noun in Latin than of Chinese, and yet amaze us by his deftness in operating. He may know the pharmacopeia without knowing Greek, and write from memory a model prescription in conventional Latin, without knowing the force of its inflections, or the nature of its idioms. A smatter of Latin syntax may be enough to enable one correctly to construct a prescription; and so through the whole gamut of technical knowledge, slipshod knowledge seems to be enough for people like our critic. Some one once caricatured the parishioners of a small hamlet in England, where the most prominent man had risen to his dignities by the awe which he had inspired by the constant use of "*vice versa*"; and we have no doubt that the critical youth at the head of one of our principal Canadian newspapers must regard our efforts to raise the matriculation standard as on a par with the scholarly fanaticism of the Oxford grammarian who regretted on his death-bed, that he had not concentrated all the energies of his life on the dative case. We would recommend our cheerful critic to come down from the soaring clouds of conceit and for a few years go back to school.

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We are sure the profession in Canada, as well as the United States, will heartily congratulate Dr. W. C. Barrett, of Buffalo, on the distinction of the honorary degree of Doctor of Laws (LL.D.) conferred upon him by Lake Forest University in recognition of