

risen to fame and fortune by his happening to be at Epsom when the carriage of the Prince of Orange was upset. There is, doubtless, a small amount of truth in this and other similar instances, but for the most of you it will be but a waste of time to sit behind a brass door-plate all day long doing nothing, or even drive about in a carriage with no patients to visit. All such expedients, sometimes resorted to, generally fail. You must wait, actively working while you wait. The exact form of the work I cannot prescribe, but it may be at home, in a dispensary, a hospital, or a medical school. You must also make your labors known by medical societies, by medical journals, or by separate publication, and be prepared to have them criticized and perhaps condemned; and it is well for all of us that our work should be criticised. If there is no medical society in your town or district, one of the first things for you to do is to try to found one. While waiting for practice, and always throughout your professional career, you must read in order to keep pace with the progress of medical knowledge. It is, after all, but a small modicum that each of us can contribute to medical knowledge, but the sum of the contributions of many workers amounts to much. You must therefore acquaint yourselves with the work of others by reading books and monographs, but especially medical journals. Now the periodical literature of medicine is exceedingly copious, and sometimes of such a character as to justify the suspicion that the existence of part of it is rather for the necessities of the editors and writers than the readers. You must therefore select for this and for another reason, for to many of you money to subscribe will fail if time to read them do not. But pardon me if I say that a single useful hint well repays the annual subscription to a medical journal. I make no apology in attempting to guide your choice by advising you take, first, the CANADA MEDICAL AND SURGICAL JOURNAL, the organ of your Alma Mater—a journal of which those who conduct it have just reason to feel proud. Then you must take and read the *London Lancet*. The great ability and high professional tone of its leading articles, and the discrimination shown in the choice of other matter, give it a position without a parallel in medical journalism. The medical man who for ten years faithfully reads his *Lancet* must inevitably