

than himself feels contempt for a 'gusher' in or out of his profession."

The address overflows with humor. The author quotes Father Faber as having once said: "There is no greater help to a religious life than a keen sense of the ludicrous." He tells us that "an evangelist at one time got into the habit of calling his audiences 'Dear souls.' Laboring in Ireland, he used to say with effect, 'Dear Belfast souls,' 'Dear Dublin souls,' but when he said 'Dear Cork souls' it did not seem quite so appropriate."

A grand man is the country doctor as portrayed by Dr. Powell, but he is not perfect. "To be perfect," he says, "an ideal doctor, he would need to have the wisdom of Solomon, the patience of Job, the strength of Samson, the bravery of Joshua, the eloquence of Paul, the meekness of Moses, the faithfulness of Abraham, the charity of Dorcas, and the executive ability of Jezebel. He would have to hunt like Nimrod, fish like Peter, climb like Zaccheus, and drive like Jehu. He would have to keep clear of the gout of Asa, the melancholia of Saul, the gastric infelicity of Timothy, and would still fall short of perfection if he had not the tireless perseverance of the devil himself." We have quoted Dr. Powell's own words freely, feeling that any attempt to paraphrase them would detract from their expressiveness. We hope that many of our readers will be fortunate enough to obtain the entire text of the address.—*N. Y. Med. Jour.*

THE ESPERANTO LANGUAGE.

It may be that Esperanto will be used to some extent at the next International Medical Congress, to be held in Budapest, August 29th to September 4th, 1909. If so, it might be well for those physicians of Canada who expect to attend the Congress to learn something of the new language.

We are told by the *Toronto World* that the study of Esperanto is spreading very rapidly in different parts of the world. It has