

better, for there are those who prefer that we designate or distinguish ourselves not as doctors, but physicians, clinicians, practitioners, practicians, therapeutists, and other highly elaborated names, which philologic research does not in every particular claim or clearly sanction. Therefore, "The Country Doctor" as our headlight for this paper will remain, and our authority for its adoption is, that the title of Doctor of Medicine was first given in 1324 by the University of Astio, in Italy.

It is admitted that he who selects to write these segments from the swirl of "Time and Tide," should be one of those whose aspirations, virtues and impulses he has studied many years. The same ambitions that possess the soul of the recent graduate, are such as we held in early days.

They have not, however well planned, been realized in many instances; the prizes have been few, the blanks have been too numerous, illustrating too forcibly that "our wills and fates do so contrary run, that our devices still are overthrown, our thoughts are ours, their end none of our own."

The Country Doctor is he whose early life was that of the country or village, as a rule he is the best gift of a highly honored and self-respecting family of sturdy yeomen, especially chosen to give honor to his name and family, and to be the equal in merit and nobility of the family doctor who lives in a nearby village, such are the incentives which arouse the young man. An experience of a few years as a Public School teacher enables him to be self-reliant and to develop personality, really an egotism. Such preparatory work is rivalled only by attendance during a few years, or better still, the full course of years required for the degree of Bachelor in Arts or in Science. Self reliant, methodical, really sober in judgment, self-respectful and studious, fearless and tireless, is he; he should be set apart for medicine is the opinion of the family doctor, and the die is cast.

The "pale, sickly and pious" brother is evidently called to serve the Lord. Both bend their necks to the yokes as easily as they contracted croup in early life.

This introduction of the future spiritual adviser or "leader of faithful souls and guide of those who travel to the skies," is employed to serve as an illustration of the life work of these brothers, whose lives are directly associated with the people, whose lives in consequence of this co-mingling or association are recognized as chief factors in the advancement and maintenance of sanitation and morality. The future clerical personage has been presented as pale, sickly and pious, such an assertion is not applicable or desired, although too commonly believed as worthy of this definition. No profession calls for greater