

"New times demand new measures and new men ;
The world advances and in time outgrows
The laws that in our fathers' days were best ;
And doubtless, after us, some purer scheme
Will be shaped out by wiser men than we,
Made wiser by the steady growth of truth."

The Council has already recognized this mutability of the times and has modified its curriculum accordingly. The question we would seek to answer is: In the interests of medical education ought the curriculum to be now further amended? We think so.

In earlier days the physician was his own apothecary, and as such was required to be able to recognize the plants in which resided medicinal properties. Botany, therefore, was very properly included in the medical course of studies. The times have changed. Such knowledge is not now essential to a successful practitioner, and botany no longer appears as one of the necessary subjects of study. While no one will deny the value of the study of botany in itself, the Council, we think, wisely determined that the student could with greater advantage devote his time and energies to the study of more important subjects.

Is there any other subject laid down in the curriculum which could either be dropped out altogether, or to which less time ought to be devoted, in order that the student would be free to apply himself more energetically to other subjects of greater utility? If so, ought not the curriculum to be so amended? In looking over the course of studies prescribed by the Council, we find that the student is required to attend two full courses in Theoretical Chemistry and two courses of three months each in Practical Chemistry—in all, eighteen months must be devoted to the study of Chemistry. This same curriculum requires only twelve months to be devoted to the study of Physiology, the same to Materia Medica, and only three months to Sanitary Science. Are we, then, to conclude that Chemistry is so much more valuable as a means to prepare the student for his life-work than is Physiology, Materia Medica or Sanitary Science? We are free to admit that a fair knowledge of Chemistry is necessary to the proper study of Materia Medica, and that an acquaintance with the general laws of Chemistry will assist the practitioner in the