

and cultivated his 'Philistinism,' and his smiles were full of certainties." With the words of Macbeth we should console ourselves, for our cause of sorrow must not be measured by his worth, for then it hath no end. "Yes, every god did set his seal to give the assurance of a man, and "when Nature stamped him she the die destroyed for men like him are loved, adored at home, revered abroad, and do the noblest work of God."

No other calling, says J. W. Streeter, in his book, "Doctor Tom, The Coroner of Breet," offers such opportunities for usefulness as does the practice of medicine, and this is especially true when the practice falls among people whose lives are narrowed by lack of opportunities, or restricted by physical boundaries which are difficult to overcome. A wise, cultivated, energetic and sympathetic doctor has an unlimited field of usefulness and he can daily sow the seeds of all the virtues.

He is welcomed, he is respected, he is trusted and he is loved. His example is followed, his suggestions are heeded, his orders are obeyed. It is in his power, then, to make every word, action and detail count for good to every family with which his vocation brings him in contact.

Called upon to minister to their necessities, he becomes familiar to their weaknesses and their infirmities, and the way is cleared for him to mend them. He sets an example of personal care and physical health, he suggests changes which add to the comfort of the household, and his precepts make for the general good. He is insidious, rather than aggressive, and most of the changes wrought are without apparent influence or direction, though there are times when his methods must be peremptory and forceful. In brief, to use the words of Isaiah 49: 18-23, "Kings shall be their nursing fathers, and their queens shall be their nursing mothers."

The question arises, Are our universities supplying men—doctors—like Mr. Howell's "Village Doctor," or Mr. Streeter's "Doctor Tom, The Coroner of Brett"?

Another question is: Has the young doctor realized what are or will become his life-work? Has he been taught that he has been "called and commissioned to wage war on the powers that lie in wait to overcome and overthrow human life (Osteopaths, Christian Scientists, Chiropractics, etc., etc., not considered) and that he will be reminded of the risks men insanely run from exposure to hostile elements, or still more hostile germs of what 'pricks and cracks.'"