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PHYSICIANS RATED BY POST-GRADUATE WORK.

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IN industrial and commercial life there are agencies in which the ability and financial standing of those engaged in such pursuits can be ascertained. According to what is known as the "rating" of such agencies men are judged. In medicine, there are no such special agencies for "rating" its members; and yet, there are influences at work that do very accurately define the progress being made in medicine; and "rate" physicians—individually and collectively—as to their financial, literary, social and professional status.

MEDICAL PROGRESS.

We have abundant evidence, in private practice, in our hospital work and hospital equipments, in the work of our health boards, in the more recent text-books, in medical journals, and in the curricula of our medical colleges, to establish our "rating" in technical knowledge and skill as being the peer of that of any other calling. Whether any other calling can show as high a "rating," in these respects, as the medical profession can, I am not prepared to say, perhaps the editor can, but in any event we have a status of which we can justly feel proud, and one that has been carried by faithful, intelligently-directed toil.

LITERARY STATUS.

"In the good old days, the doctor was the best loved and most important man of his community. Wisest of philosophers, broadest of thinkers, best and truest of friends was he. He was the social and intellectual beacon of the social system in which he worked. He was a centre of influence from which all things radiated, and he was appreciated by his clientele. They regarded him as the world of science did Darwin—as "a mighty intellectual ocean toward which all rivers ran." In the literary world he was one of a privileged class, a member of a learned profession. To-day, the physician occupies no such standing in public estimation. Such is the immense amount of technical knowledge to be acquired, that the medical student is practically obliged to give up