

graduates in medicine leave Canada for homes in foreign lands, and it is needless to ask what becomes of, or where will be, the homes of those who are unsuccessful at our Council's examination, and from a careful study of the number rejected during a period of four years, or at eight examinations at which I presided, it can be stated, and very safely, too, that at least one hundred fail annually. Considering the Council's rejections and those who, yearly, do not try the examinations, one may safely state that, yearly, two hundred of our best young men, M.D.'s, leave our shores. The loss to this province is a serious reflection, more worthy of alarm than the scare so needlessly alarming the imperialists, for Great Britain and Ireland are safe, and with her colonies doubly safe. Men, not ships, we want, and we want to keep within our boundaries those (the offspring of noble sires and mothers, true Canadians,) who are learned men—physicians—each one of whom is worth now one hundred men, even as in the days of Homer. Either our encouragement, the fine educational system of our public and high schools, or our public estimation of the doctor is at fault, and to any one of those named may be due the over-supply, but the fact remains that, as stated, difficulties and excessive fees bar their entrance to practice in sister provinces, and hence the exodus. I recall the words of "The Canadian Highlander," by Charles McKay, LL.D. :

"Alas! the land denied me bread,
Land of my sires in bye-gone ages.

It had no place for me and mine,
No elbow room to stand alive in—
Nor rood of kindly mother earth
For honest industry to thrive in."

Is this in any sense applicable to us as a people who, in very few instances, can point out the graves of grandsires in this new country? Yes, is my answer. When I recall the fact that from this village and its immediate neighborhood there have removed to the United States during the last thirty-three years more than five hundred native and fellow-Canadians, and in the list one will find the names of several M.D.'s who were honored at home and equally honored and revered abroad.

While conversing recently with a dentist, whose newspaper card announces that he is an "honor graduate of Toronto University," (and every country newspaper has similar notice for every dental parlor owner, and I blush, and have a feeling of angina pectoris when I address him as Doctor), he tells me (and he is well up in his self-styled profession) that he would prefer facing examinations of any state to those of any one of our provinces. Thus, with these illustrations, one can see that, not