

by whatever methods as seem most likely to accomplish the desired end, flaming circulars in the shape of a College Calendar, setting forth, after their names, all the charities, etc., to which individual physicians are attached, with a varied alphabet and other *et ceteras*, for the real, if not ostensible end, of obtaining a large class of students from whom to abstract fees, which net said professors a very handsome income as well as the *kudos* attaching to the position?

Here again we express no opinion, but would suggest that the Committee take this matter under its serious consideration before issuing its conclusions. We sometimes have heard the actions of medical men sternly deprecated when they have been found guilty of touting for public patronage in the vulgar manner of the New Haven fishwife, who cries, "caller herrin', twa' a penny, twa a penny"; but have failed in our limited reading to have noticed that the local notices and the extended reports of closings of the various institutions have been by our sticklers for etiquette severely commented upon. The more we view the question in its various aspects the more firmly we are convinced that a high purpose and a lofty ideal in the individual as pertaining to all human action can be the only standard of medical ethics.

"And blest are they

Who in this fleshly World, the elect of heaven,
Their strong eye darting through the deeds of men;
Adore with steadfast, unpresuming gaze
Him, Nature's essence, mind, and energy."

TORONTO SEWAGE DISPOSAL.

IT might perhaps with reason be said that this enterprising city has made fair headway towards the accomplishment of its many labors of Hercules, for we have notification of disease, registration and licensing of plumbers, house inspection, etc.; but still we have left what may indeed be called her Augean stables still uncleansed, for with the exception of a certain amount of night-soil which is daily removed to market-gardens beyond the city from privy-pits which ought to be non-existent, we are depositing the total filth of the city, whether of garbage and street-sweepings, or of sewage, in places where it ought not to be, speaking either from the æsthetic or the sanitary standpoint. To-day may be seen, as has been too truly pictured by a leading daily journal, the contents of

the sewers being poured into the bay at the front of the city, at points where more largely than anywhere else it affects the æsthetic sensibilities of all going on or living near the wharves; and, so far as its effects are directly deleterious, affecting directly their health. It seems extremely absurd that people in order to reach the boats for Niagara or the Island should have to pass through a Gehenna; but it may be that the subaqueous demons who are deprived of their victims by these modern inventions of steamers and sail-boats, and crafts innumerable, are determined that the *dévotes* of Hygeia shall pay tribute to the *dii inferni* in some way or other, and so have decreed that this Stygian flood, or Acheronian pool shall exist and flourish *ad æternum* as a *cloaca maxima* for the Yonge Street sewer and its innumerable branches. The absurdity of the whole matter, apart from its serious aspect, is seen in the attitude of abject helplessness which is assumed by the *patrii* of the city when hotly berated for the existing state of affairs.

We are greatly reminded of Hamelin Town in Brunswick and its Council in their heroic endeavours to rid the town of rats:

"An hour they sat in council:

At length the Mayor broke silence:

For a guilder I'd my ermine gown sell;

I wish I were a mile hence!

It's easy to bid me rack one's brain—

I'm sure my poor head aches again,

I've scratched it, too, and all in vain;

Oh, for a trap, a trap, a trap!"

Without assuming in any way the part of the piper of Hamelin, inasmuch as we like him, would first like to see our "thousand guilders" present as 'spot cash,' we wish in a brief way to indicate something of what has been done for the solution of the question under similar circumstances.

The disposal of garbage and night-soil is now satisfactorily carried out in many towns in England and Scotland by cremators, notably "Fryer's De-structors," as at Leeds, Birmingham, Manchester, etc.; and several places, as Montreal, though at excessive cost are doing the same on this continent. But the great problem of the disposal of sewage has been successfully worked out in many instances. In a recent number of the *Sanitary Record* has been published a description of what "The Association of Sanitary Inspectors saw on their visit to Croydon, England." As touching most directly