

it be for our jealous mistress, medicine, and for our wrinkled purses.

When young M.D.'s possess greater, or equal, knowledge of pharmacy than is possessed by the ordinary druggist, more equal respect for each will be entertained, and Professor Chas. F. Heebner will not be prompted to write, as he most justly and honorably did, "The Dispenser's Difficulties," page 455 in *The Canadian Pharm. Journal*. To see ourselves as others see us, I wish every true M.D. would read this article, which in every sense I endorse and most humbly admit is lamentable for us—and I am neither a Zoilus or an Aristarchus—a very humble hewer to the line, letting the chips fall which way they may.

Have our best men, such of them as are associated with hospitals and are encouraging the trained nurse business, ever considered that much of the information or instruction given nurses is useless, and are arming them with much that they (the M.D.'s) purchased dearly with shekels and midnight oil, and which they (the nurses) will use to humiliate some faithful brother by lessening his prestige and income, without being a trusty aid and servant. The example set by Johns Hopkins Hospital in exacting materia medica, chemistry and anatomy of nurses is one which the enemies of medicine would most decidedly select and follow. Reader, this paragraph is introduced as a reminder, timely, it is hoped, and to illustrate that too many M.D.'s are easy marks and unmindful of the *Fidus in Arcanis* motto emblazoned on the seal of our College of Physicians and Surgeons.

When one, possessed of such distinguishing gifts as a writer and able scholar in the English classics, as is Dr. Fischer, Waterloo, Ont., the author of "Songs by the Way-Side," it is not necessary that one be waiting to get securely seated in the medical saddle; for such men like Weir Mitchell, Osler, Virchow, Paget, and others, even as Angelo, can be masters (even if medicine is a jealous mistress), in allied interests, for medical studies add encouragement, true insight, and awaken our heavenly thoughts in every noble study and research.

The first work placed in my hands for study by my preceptor was the history of medicine and its illustrious fathers. That such a study was beneficial, and is even encouraging, in the writing of these paragraphs, is evident in my thoughts; and why such delightful primary studies are not presented or