

hundred young men now studying medicine in Ontario see in the profession we fail to discover.

To talk of the nobleness of the profession, the great good one can do in it, and the chance of making some great discovery like Harvey, Hunter, Jenner, McDowell, or Simpson, is all nonsense. The prospects of nearly all those who are now studying medicine are nothing more nor less than those of the general practitioner in town or country, making his calls, and collecting his fees as best he can, and putting up with all the mean gossip his neighbors see fit to indulge in at his expense. This is the picture without the imaginary colors. What is the main cause for this terribly overcrowded condition of the medical profession? We think the School men are really at fault. The country is flooded with the announcements of the different colleges. There is a long list of names with a great many letters attached to these names, and all their many official positions. Then comes a long list of subjects to be learned, and pictures of the schools and hospitals, the whole being padded up with reading matter calculated to throw around the study of medicine a certain glamor. There is nothing in human nature more easily appealed to than its vanity. These announcements fall into the hands of young men throughout the country of some education, and forthwith they are seized by a desire to be a doctor. These announcements are capital mediums by which to catch the unwary in the drag-nets of the schools on the one hand, and to advertise the School men on the other without appearing to transgress the code of ethics.

One more point of the utmost importance. The School men monopolize nearly all the hospital appointments. This is readily understood. In the larger cities with from one to three or four medical colleges, the medical gentlemen in connection with these combine to keep all the appointments within themselves. This has the affect of cutting off the general practitioner, however good he may be. It is not fair to regard these appointments from the school standpoint too much. The general public pay the taxes and the few reap all the benefit. We predict a change ere long. As far as we can learn the general practitioner is becoming year by year more restless under this state of affairs and eager for needed reforms.

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