

to say that most medical men in Canada are of opinion that the chief defect in our school system lies in the oversight here referred to.

The curriculum for medical matriculants in Canada must create a higher average intellectually among young men aspiring to the profession, but there can be no doubt that a widening of the curriculum so as to embrace a more extensive knowledge of the natural sciences would greatly facilitate the acquisition of knowledge presented to, and required of, medical students. An acquaintance with the laws relating to climatology would serve a useful end in the study of epidemic and endemic diseases, and in an estimate of the influence of climate on disease in general; an acquaintance with minute organisms and histological structures such as could be readily acquired in any high school provided with a microscope would prepare the mental soil for the reception and quick germination of the seeds of knowledge sown by teachers of physiology and kindred subjects in medical schools. The medical student, who learns something of biology, of cells and germs, and of bacterial life only after he has entered upon his course of medical lectures, is at a great disadvantage and loses much time in a bewildering effort to master names and technicalities, and I can conceive of no more irksome task for a teacher than to lecture to a class of young men laboring under this disadvantage.

The relations existing between medical schools and licensing bodies in this country are so satisfactory that little desire has been manifested to alter them, and it is beyond doubt that to these relations we owe in great measure the improved status of medical education here.

When the great discovery of Columbus opened to the old world the unknown and virgin resources of the new, the most progressive nations entered eagerly into keen competition for the advantages this discovery presented. National ambition and individual courage and endurance combined towards the great aim and object of colonization and development of natural resources in this continent. The results are patent to all; a newer and greater freedom and civilization in the new world