

drift of medical colleges—mostly of the stock company order—towards suspension of business or to a unity with a well-endowed or state university. That these changes are for the best and honorable interests of medicine the student or observer will, at once, admit as stubborn facts.

We, who are readers of medical journals, admire such articles as Drs. Hunter and Powell present, and not least the classical writings of Dr. Fischer, who tells us of the glorious deeds of the Fathers in Medicine—a subject much neglected in our medical course.

Harvard, during very many years, has required of candidates for matriculation in medicine the Bachelor's degree in Arts or Philosophy, and Cornell recently has announced similar requirements for its M.D. degree. This announcement recalls the words "History repeats itself," for the student in Medicine will remember that several centuries ago Oxford and Cambridge required of medical students similar qualifications. That our Canadian universities and Provincial Medical Councils do not exact, and have not exacted, such matriculation requirements is not only lamentable, but disastrous to the respectability of medicine. Such is to me an established belief, proven by my careful study and inspection of more than 1,200 undergraduates and graduates, who were passing our Council's examinations and those of the University of Trinity College. The fact is this, and very evident to all interested in the progress and respectable standing of medicine, that there has been, and now is, unpardonable velleity on the part of our legislators and faculties in medical studies in reference to such preliminary requirements. Although to many, like myself, whose studies in Arts were totally distinct from association with medical subjects, the lately-arranged and combined courses, wherein either the B.A. or B.S. and Medicine are sought, although not ideal, are commendable, it would appear, to use a simile, like the present of the silver spoon for each one pound of baking powder. Another fact is, those who were not privileged to acquire either B.A. or B.S. or Ph.B., disassociated from medical studies, deserve the profession's highest esteem in the struggle for the acquirement of two degrees, and, too, well worthy that *cum honoribus* should appear on their parchments. Yes, *honor graduates* they are, and ever will be in our estimation, but we feel very weak, especially so when we notice in every country newspaper that nearly every dentist is an "Honor Graduate of Toronto University," and they, or each one of them, is a *doctor*. Another fact is, I do not think so much respect is contained in