

in which the medical and pharmaceutical professions and manufacturing houses and press are represented would solve the problems affecting the new *materia medica*. He proposes that the "personnel of this board be the same as the present committee for the revision of the U. S. Pharmacopœia. The duties of this board to be:

"1. The censorship of the advertisements of the medical and pharmaceutical journals.

"2. To censor all literature from manufacturing houses, including labels.

"3. To determine what *materia medica* products shall be placed on the market.

"4. To determine the therapeutic value of products by collective investigation as represented by the working bulletin system.

"5. To co-operate with the Patent Office in the interpretation, application and enforcement of the patent and trademark laws relating to *materia medica*.

"The revision committee now decides what products shall go into the Pharmacopœia, and will have to decide sooner or later which of the new products shall be admitted. Why wait ten years until the meeting of the next Pharmacopœial Convention before investigating these new products? Why not co-operate with their introducers in determining the therapeutic value of new products at the time of their introduction? The recommendations of such a board would be exceedingly influential, as capital, always conservative, would hesitate to invest in a proscribed product. The Committee on Scope of the Pharmacopœia would thus be saved much needless labor, and humanity much needless experimentation. The refusal of a manufacturer to co-operate with the committee would be taken by the medical and pharmaceutical profession as *prima facie* evidence that the products will not bear the light of disinterested investigation."

Dr. Stewart's object in publishing his paper at this time is to bring the subject of *materia monopoly* and the introduction of alleged new products by advertising before the medical and pharmaceutical professions and the great manufacturing houses engaged in the *materia medica* supply business, hoping to excite general discussion, that the results of the same may be embodied in the report of the Committee on Patents and Trademarks for presentation at the next annual meeting of the American Pharmaceutical Association.

"THE EDUCATED FOOL."

"A man who has a very little sense may by mechanical process acquire a vast deal of information, and yet after all he is nothing more or less than what you have seen and what I have seen, the educated fool. There are men who are perfectly at home with the poets, versed with all the lore of the classics, men who can call the myriad stars by name and trace them in their unmarked paths through the Heavens, and yet, after it all, are fools, and after all, the accomplishments of a fool are as utterly wasted and worthless as a sweet toned instrument in the hands of a man who has no music in his soul. So that as I have said, as it was in the beginning, is now and ever will be, that which was born a fool must live and die one."—*Charles F. Moore*, Editor of "Paper."