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Students nowadays are enthusiastic over reforms. They want to annihilate any old tradition which is standing in the way of their ideals. However, it is a pity that no such attitude existed towards our Medic Night. The editors are not trying to be iconoclastic. Neither are intending to be censoriously “hounding” after the Society function. It is merely that time has come for revolutionary sublime changes in our Medic Night.

Year after year, we have witnessed that the five classes put on their plays. To our dismay, some of them repeatedly turned into wanton abuses of the blessed knowledge we have acquired. *Double entendre* is a commonplace. Scurrilous jokes coloured with indecent gestures are far from a rarity: for example, the “Vitasoy joke” this year. In fact, if one were present in the Loke Yew Hall that evening, one might have wondered whether or not one had been thrown back into the time of ancient Rome to face the jesters making their *scurrilitas*. Although the jokes are more refined than most of those found in the Second Union Night, we nevertheless reprehend such ignominious performance to be found among the doctors-to-be. It is not because we lack a sense of humour, but because we conceive that medical students should start cultivating a character of sobriety and high integrity once they have landed on the rim of the medical profession.

The world is still full of hunger, starvation and diseases. Instead of making further indecent assault on human dignity with such vulgar jests, we may as well start commiserating with the patients on their sufferings, which we hope we can eradicate in the future. Then we shall have more room in our heart for meaningful and decent themes, along we shall have the determination and integrity to bring forth such a change in our future Medic Nights!

“Awake from your drunken stupor and

Return to sober sense and your right minds,

And stop your transgressive ways,

I say this to your shame....”