I deprecated legislation or medical interference—e.g., sterilisation—based on the view that insanity is inherited. For the present I will not respond to Dr. Oampbell’s sterilisation based on the view that insanity is inherited. In number.

Dr. Karl Pearson, in his interesting essay on Education prefaced to the “Encyclopædia Britannica,” states that the course of his investigations he received many foolish suggestions from all sources, but that the most unscientific and absurd came from medical men. This reproach will not be removed so long as we hold to formulas instead of to facts....

...nary are these: (1) the subjects of chemistry, physics, and ophthalmology, &c., should be completed in four years, (2) the whole course of lectures and hospital appointments, including attendance on vaccination, fever, ophthalmology, &c., should be completed in four years, including examinations, leaving only that of medicine and surgery for the first and fourth years of the course; and (3) the final year, or, at any rate, six or eight months of it, should be spent in compulsory pupillage to a registered general practitioner.

This latter suggestion may appear odd, but I have formed the opinion, and am confident of many who support it, that herein lies a problem of the utmost importance to the student, the profession, and the public. Undoubtedly the hospital system is a great advance on the old apprenticeship, but we run the risk of serious error in excluding from the graduate the all-important factor of actual practice prior to passing their final examination.