

suppressed altogether. I would not, therefore, go much into advising; but there is one advice I must give you. It is, in fact, the summary of all advices, and you have heard it a thousand times, I daresay; but I must, nevertheless, let you hear it the thousand and first time, for it is most intensely true, whether you will believe it at present or not—namely, that above all things the interest of your own life depends upon being diligent now, while it is called to-day. Diligent! That includes in it all virtues a student can have.”

If the student of to-day is governed by the traditions of the past, and inspired by the hopes of the future, working diligently in the great field of medical science, his lot shall not be an unhappy one and his reward shall be well assured. For him shall be vouchsafed the acquisition of true knowledge; and in the language of Shelley, new visions shall open before his mind—

“ Like a spirit hastening to its task
Of glory and of good the Light springs forth,
Rejoicing in its splendor, till the mask
Of darkness fades from the awakened earth.”

We bid you be of good hope—*wir heissen euch hoffen*, work and despair not. These were the words of Goethe. Seize hold upon them, for they shall ever remain true.

One word more from Carlyle. “ He that can abolish pain, relieve his fellow mortal from sickness, he is indisputably usefulest of all men. Him savage and civilized will honor. As a Lord Chancellor under one’s horsehair wig there might be misgivings, still more so, perhaps, as a Lord Primate under one’s cauliflower, but if I could heal disease I should say to all men and angels without fear ‘ *En! Ecce!* ’ ”

THE INAUGURATION OF THE NEW MEDICAL BUILDING.

Up to the present, the important work of educating young men for the medical profession has been carried on in buildings that were by no means ideal. The buildings on Gerrard and Spruce streets answered their purpose, largely because of the able and energetic gentlemen who formed the teaching staffs of Trinity Medical School and Toronto School of Medicine; and, later, of Trinity Medical College and the Faculty of Medicine of the University of Toronto.

Eripuerunt celo fulmen is, nevertheless, true of the work of those who labored in the cause of medical education fifty, forty, thirty, even twenty years ago. They had no building such as that which now forms part of the University system; but they had wise heads and stout