

make you good practitioners unless you study and think over each case for yourselves; bringing all your knowledge to bear on it which you have acquired in Anatomy, Physiology, Hygiene, Pathology, and each and all the other branches.

To those of you who reside in the country, and have not an opportunity of calling in the assistance of your seniors in the profession, I would recommend you to make yourselves familiar with the construction and manufacture of the different kinds of instruments and appliances you may be called upon to employ.

In your reading I trust you will not confine yourselves to your text books only; but study different standard works.

I would advise you to keep pace with the medical literature of the day; and, in addition to the local periodicals connected with our profession, I would recommend you to read the London *Lancet*, in every number of which you will find matter applicable to your present wants. It will make you familiar with the practice of the great medical men of the present time, and you will also be made acquainted with the different forms of disease and epidemics prevailing in various parts of the world. Some of the epidemics which advance like a great wave over the surface of the earth, you will be partially prepared to meet; amongst some of these I might class cholera and cerebro-spinal meningitis. The latter had its origin in the Southern States, and was first treated in Montreal by Professor Gardner of this University.

I trust the knowledge you have gained in Chemistry and Vegetable Physiology will enable you to be useful to your fellow men in the rural districts. You must always consider it a duty to aid in every possible way in developing the boundless resources of this our great country. At the same time, I would advise you not to have any hobbies out of your legitimate occupation. The range it embraces is so large that you can always employ in your profession your spare moments; otherwise your first love will be forgotten and yourselves also; know your profession thoroughly, the public will soon learn whether you do or not, and appreciate you accordingly.

I would advise you when you have made up your minds to settle in a locality to avoid leaving it without some very grave reasons.

Should you reside in the city, or have an opportunity of occasionally visiting it, you should always attend the hospital. Your Clinical teachers will be pleased to see you, and be able to point out to you

something new and instructive. You must not suppose, that because you belong to this University you may not be so well received as the students of other colleges. Of this you must disabuse your minds, for through the liberality of the Governors of the Montreal General Hospital its doors are thrown open to you, as well as all students, no matter to what school, university, sect or nation they may belong. I may also state that the Hotel Dieu granted our students tickets when applied for without hesitation. This being the case it gives us all the Hospital accommodation we require.

There is one shoal upon which thousands of our most promising members are wrecked. I allude to the vice of intemperance. There is no profession in which you are so much exposed to temptation as ours. In your long and weary drives, in cold and storm, your anxious watchings over tedious cases, you may be prompted to use stimulants, but you must make a standing rule at the outset of your career—never to take stimulants in a patient's house.

You must always be watchful that the slightest suspicion or stain of any kind should never be attached to your character.

You will be considered a fair mark for the censorious portion of the public; but you must, by your upright conduct and kind manners, so win the respect and esteem of your fellow men that the venom of their tongues will only help to sear their own guilty consciences, and leave you to follow your path of usefulness and integrity.

I know of no profession in which a man requires to plant his foot so firmly on the portals of Heaven as in this upon which you are entering; that Heaven may grant you that power will always be the wish of every Professor in this University.

Before saying farewell, I trust you will always take an interest in your Alma Mater, and to those of you who shall win your spurs from the public, and good report of your confreres, the Medical Faculty of this University will always be open should you take an interest in teaching the art and science of your profession. Although you leave us for the present you must remember that we do not shut the door behind you, nor compel you to seek in other hands the position which you desire in your own.

I shall now take my leave of you by wishing you a happy, useful and honorable career; and saying farewell.