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At the beginning of a new session it has always been the custom in this college for the members of the Faculty to select one of their number to address words of welcome to the newcomers and to those who have already embarked upon their medical career. This year my turn has come. On such occasions it is customary for the lecturer to introduce himself with an apology for his general and special unworthiness, but it is not my intention to do anything of the kind. On the contrary, I think myself peculiarly well fitted to welcome and give advice to new students. Firstly because, not being yet stricken in years, though scarcely juvenile, I fancy I can still think and act as a young man and look upon the world from the standpoint of a medical student; and, secondly, because it has been my good fortune to have spent ten years of my professional life in daily companionship with students. And indeed it would be a strange thing if I did not, during that time, learn to know how students thought, how they lived and moved and had their being. It is for these reasons that I think my advice may be of some service to those who are about to begin the work of the 57th session.