

tically entirely by himself, the advantages to be derived from returning once again to the hospital and laboratory can only but be of immense advantage to him.

The progress our profession is making in educational matters ought to be a source of great gratification to us all. The preliminary education required of our students prior to entering on the study of medicine, compares favorably with the Old World, indeed, we even ask more of them than in many other places. The elevation of the standard of education tends to elevate our profession and to draw to its ranks a better class of students, and providing the standard is not raised too suddenly and beyond our requirements, no harm can come of it. Wherever possible, a liberal education should always precede professional education and training. That is, a student should be a Bachelor of Arts before he enters the medical department of the university. A liberal education fosters mental alertness and readiness of mind; it broadens one's sympathies and one's outlook upon life and the world; it stimulates the imagination and enables a man to adjust himself more easily and quickly to new conditions and unexpected complications; and it increases one's knowledge of human nature—a most essential knowledge for the medical man to possess. The student who is liberally educated, who has imagination and originality, will never be in danger of regarding his degree in medicine as merely a bread-and-butter degree. To do his work honestly and well is his first consideration. His income, though a very important consideration, will ever be a secondary consideration to the man of wisdom and honor. He who puts income first will never achieve success in the best sense of that much abused word. I cannot too strongly impress this fact upon my young friends. Nor can I impress upon them too strongly the necessity of being reading men, not only now, but all through their lives. The gift for reading is a priceless gift. Few have it by nature, but fortunately it can be acquired. The world's great men have invariably been great readers. To be well read, not only in one's profession or business, but in general literature, as well, to know the great writers of old time and the wise ones of to-day, gives a distinction and a character to a man which cannot be otherwise attained. It is one of the greatest antidotes, too, of premature old fogeyism of which I know. A doctor's life is apt to be a distracting one unless he has a firm hold on his mental machinery, if I may use such a phrase. He is called hither and thither at all hours of the day and night, and unless he determines to read a certain amount each day, and