

ever green among his colleagues and former pupils everywhere. It is not now my intention to dilate on the great professional ability and the many virtues which characterized him, as these have already been related from this platform on more than one occasion, and by more eloquent lips than mine ; but I take this opportunity of stating that there exists among our graduates everywhere, and also in this city among the old friends and patients of our late lamented Dean, a strong feeling in favour of the establishment of a Howard Memorial Fund. This might take the shape of an endowment of some kind, and would be but a fitting tribute to the memory of one whose untiring exertions in the interest of this school and for the advancement of the profession generally in this country are universally recognized. The project has already been thought out, and will doubtless take some practical shape during the next few weeks.

Gentlemen, the profession of your choice is an arduous one, and full of responsibilities. It likewise demands from its members the greatest devotion and a large share of self-denial. On the other hand there is no calling which in itself tends more to elevate and refine its followers, nor in which one's life can be made so useful,—and what greater gift than that of daily usefulness to one's fellow-creatures. I think, likewise, we can claim for it that it is the most unselfish profession. Even Dr. Samuel Johnson, who was not an admirer of doctors, and who, you may remember, defined their profession as a melancholy attendance on misery, a mean submission to peevishness, and a continual interruption of pleasure, was still sufficiently generous to admit that he had found in physicians great liberality and dignity of sentiment, very prompt effusion of beneficence, and willingness to exert a lucrative art where there was no hope of lucre. There is no calling, besides, where the exercise of sympathy is more constantly demanded, and where, I believe, it is more freely yielded. You will do well, therefore, to cultivate kindness of heart and sympathy, and by so doing you will not only become better men and more attentive physicians, but you will win the esteem of those who employ you. Hospital practice, to which you have been accustomed, has a less refining influence on the