

Before I close this address, which I intended to be brief, let me call your attention to one other reason why you should strive for a mental endowment that will enable you to add lustre to your chosen profession and endear you to the aching hearts and troubled minds it will be your duty to soothe and cure. There is no one in the community to whom the secret sorrows of the world are revealed as to the family physician. There is no one to whom most men—and many women—will so quickly turn for sympathy and comfort, and it requires the nicest adjustment of a well balanced mind to meet the requirements of the occasion. The clergyman is theoretically supposed to be the repository of such confidences, but ordinarily his failure to get them is the outcome of a sort of statute of limitations that he is himself responsible for, but which cannot be discussed here.

Will not a broad culture and refinement of mind enable you to meet the situation satisfactorily? I think so, and it will do more; it will help to counteract the ultra materialistic tendencies which the study of medicine undoubtedly develops. Coming in contact, day after day, as we do, with the victims of disease, seeing reason detroned by this and that bacillus—moral natures warped by the sins of the fathers—hideous criminality the outcome of inherited defect, is it a wonder that we must fight persistently to resist becoming grossly materialistic and almost cynical regarding a good deal of the theoretical teaching that is hurled at our heads by those who cannot see life as it appears to us. Only the broadest culture will enable the physician to keep his balance in the trying situation, and fortunate indeed is the student who came to Queen's. Here he has found that these very questions have not been dodged, but have been bravely and sensibly met. Queen's may be dubbed a denominational University, but she has faced the great problems of life literally, fearlessly and honestly, and has recognized the truth that only by an intelligent discussion of such can real progress be accomplished. To-day her sons stand for liberty, thought and expression in a way that does them honour, and those who have followed the lines hinted at are a living force in Canada.

I thank you for the patient hearing accorded me, and if I feel that the threshold of the subject has scarce been covered,