

flow from an accumulation of such information. Medical knowledge is a sacred trust placed in the hands of every student for the benefit of mankind. In proportion to the care bestowed upon the elementary branches of medicine, so will you be able to master, with a greater degree of accuracy, the final subjects which complete your course of academic study. A want of due care and attention at first is very difficult to make up for afterwards. Let no student deceive himself in this particular. There should be an earnestness of purpose, thus in many respects defects in early education and even lack of genius would be overcome. As Socrates stated over 2000 years ago, "The best man and most beloved of the gods is he who, as a husbandman, performs all the duties of husbandry; as a surgeon, those of the medical art, in political life, have duties towards the commonwealth; but the man who does nothing well is neither useful nor agreeable to the gods," or as Sir John Macdonald has expressed it, "his usefulness is gone."

"Whatever thy hand findeth to do, do it with all thy might; work while it is day: the night cometh when no man can work."

What was it made Xavier and Schwartz as missionaries, Bunyan and Wesley as teachers, in their particular lines of thought? What was it rendered so dear the names of Newton and Milton, of Arkwright and Stevenson? What was it that has made us love and cherish the names of Harvey and Hunter, of Syme and Simpson, of Trousseau and Laennec? It may be summed up in the few but expressive words, *earnestness of purpose*. Be vigilant, then—be careful—be prudent; do not take too much credit to yourselves, for you are only the instruments in the hands of a wise Providence for the accomplishment of a good purpose. It should be your ambition to imitate your great and renowned predecessors, men who shed light and lustre upon their callings in life, and by their earnestness and simplicity of purpose endeared themselves to all with whom they came in contact. The rewards which the medical profession holds out are not those of high place or great emolument. With care and prudence a moderate competence is certain, and you will have the society of warm and attached friends, who will sympa-