

knowledge of chemistry, biology, and physics before the student passes to the second year. This enables the student to do good, solid work in anatomy without being worried with the task of reading for an examination in that subject, the limits of which could never hitherto be fully defined for a first-year examination. That the University has not given chemistry, biology, and physics undue importance by making them alone the subjects of one examination is shown by the fact that the British Medical Council now requires all students to spend the first academic year in attendance upon instruction in these subjects, and with this regulation all the medical faculties and licensing bodies in Great Britain and Ireland must now comply.

I now proceed to discuss the future of medical science, and the bearing that possible advances in medicine may have upon the student's present course of study. This topic is one on which much may be said, and I take it up now because it is one of absorbing interest, and because, also, it is good for those of you who are preparing for a life of medical practice to be reminded that it is but a small part of your life's work to pass examinations, to acquire a degree and a license to practice, and that you may accomplish these things without, in the end, obtaining the object of your life. The student, as a rule, does not, unfortunately, look more than three or four years ahead, and he is inclined to let the future beyond take care of itself. It does this, but without, however, paying much attention to him who does not employ each year as it passes for that realization of the ideal which is considered to constitute success. All courses of study and all examinations merely insure the lowest standard of attainment that the necessities of the times permit, and beyond this they leave to the student the question of shaping his own career. His success in the future depends greatly on his capacity for foreseeing the wants of the future. Do not misunderstand me when I speak of success. How often do we hear the success of a physician or surgeon estimated by the magnitude of his practice! How often also do we find that it is his ambition to have a practice which will, in fact, engross all his time! That is in no sense my ideal of success, nor should it be that of any one who has a proper idea of the dignity of the profession. Success is rather to be estimated by the degree of professional qualifications to which one has attained, and of the recognition by the public of the attainment. The public must not, however, be set up as the final and only judge of success, for sometimes ignorance, sometimes fashion, may make a quack or a sham the idol of the hour. That has happened often in the past, and will, in all likelihood, happen often again. It is, in fact, not the quantity of professional work done, but the quality of it, that is the measure of success.

In discussing the future of medical science, there are two questions