

mark out and follow for yourselves. You must not be content to rest on your oars. The canons of the church, the formulas of the law, are to a certain extent unalterable, are stereotyped. Not so medicine. It is preëminently a progressive science, day by day receiving fresh acquisitions, opening up new fields for investigation, and it will be your duty, as far as in you lies, to keep pace with this progress. During the first few years, while waiting for practice, you will have ample leisure to work up more thoroughly the various branches of your Profession, and keep posted in the latest medical literature. Cultivate in these early years studious habits. It happens too frequently that after the severe work of the final session, books are thrown aside, and rarely reopened. A glance at the bookshelves of any professional man—Cleric, Lawyer or Physician, will enable you to judge better than anything else, the estimate he has formed of his calling. Let it be also an ambition to add your mite to the store of medical knowledge. Every one can do something; and the routine of general practice affords many cases worth reporting or commenting upon. Our Medical Journals greatly need the coöperation of the profession throughout the country, and in thus recording your experiences you will benefit yourselves, and help to raise the standard of Canadian Medicine. Hitherto, Gentlemen, your relations have been chiefly with your teachers and with each other; now these relations are changed, and you will have to deal in the future with patients and fellow practitioners. On the first point it would not become me to say much. Remember, however, that every patient upon whom you wait will examine you critically and form an estimate of you by the way in which you conduct yourself at the bedside. Skill and nicety in manipulation, whether in the simple act of feeling the pulse, or in the performance of any minor operation will do more towards establishing confidence in you, than a string of Diplomas, or the reputation of extensive Hospital experience. Formerly, in the days of apprenticeship, the medical student was brought