

For the Council to aid those whose object is more to evade than to pass the examination would be indeed preposterous enough, and students may rest assured that the superficial knowledge gained during two or more months' forcing in a pharmaceutical hotbed, will be but a delusive support in the day of trial. Even if the sickly plants survive the day of transplantation, they will not grow but will quickly fade and wither.

We would commend to students the following remarks, taken from the last opening address at the School of Pharmacy, carried on under the auspices of the Pharmaceutical Society of Great Britain. Speaking of the manner of preparing for examination Mr. Ekin says :

"Your success here will much depend upon the way you look at your examinations, whether you regard them as mere sign-posts by the way or as your ultimate goal. Nothing can be more fatal than the latter view. To strain every nerve, simply to pass, only to leave yourselves exhausted and unfit for further exertion ! To gorge the mind, regardless of the fact that the mind surfeited with an ill-digested load of material, which it makes all haste to free itself from, conceives, it may be, for ever after an absolute distaste for wholesome nourishment ! These be the reasons of the dyspeptic wails that from time to time find utterance in the correspondence columns of the Journal. The man who by dint of cram lands himself by one supreme effort on the other side of the "Major" finds to his dismay that the mere qualification and title which he set such store by avail him nothing, and that the habits and love of study, which he might have but has not acquired, would have set him on his way in life with every certainty of success. As with the body so with the mind, it is the moderate and daily portion of food, well assimilated, that stands us in good stead. It is of prime importance that you should think before you read, or at least whilst you are reading, and only so will you be able to grasp your subject. 'Read, not to believe and take for granted, but to weigh and consider.' Bacon tells us, 'Studies serve for delight, for ornament, and for ability,' and much as 'ability and judgment in the disposition of business' concern us, I verily believe that it is in the 'delight' chiefly we reap our abundant reward."