

high as we may we can never fully comprehend, "because the scale is infinite.

The prizes which appertain to our profession are not numerous, neither are they in a worldly or selfish nature very remunerative. We do not look for decorations, titles, wealth or ease, or even for the far more deservedly coveted honours which attend the possession of high scientific attainments, unless in very rare and exceptional instances.

The lot of by far the greater number of us is cast among the humbler classes, and it is often among the very poor that our charitable and helpful offices are chiefly needed. The busy practitioner wholly occupied with the faithful discharge of his fatiguing round of daily duties, has small chance of distinguishing himself in the field of special science, however devotedly he may employ the few hours of leisure which remain to him, and however well qualified he may be by nature, education, and taste for competing with those placed in more favourable circumstances. But we may, and we ought to expect to make a fair and competent income, and perhaps to lay up a little for future need, and it should be our ambition to add something however small, to the general stock of knowledge. For the rest, our chief reward will be found in the belief that we are promoting the comfort and well being of our fellow-men, in honestly and manfully labouring for the advancement of our useful and benevolent calling. Gentlemen,—Fare you well.

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*Abdominal Abscess with Fistulous Opening into the Intestines.* Reported by R. A. KENNEDY, M.D., Professor of Anatomy University of Bishop's College.

It was not until the 3rd of February, that I thought of reporting this case, previous to that the record is from memory.

On the 22nd of January last, I was requested to visit a boy in Philips Street, who had been ill for some time.

When I first saw him, he was sitting on the bedside, the hands crossed over the abdomen, and from his appearance in great pain. The face wore a peculiar expression, somewhat resembling the "Facies Hippocratica," and there was considerable emaciation of the body. He was 10 years of age.

I may premise further remarks by stating, that the father has lateral curvature of the spine, with excessive bulging of right ribs; a very large head and scrofulous features. The mother has a "goitre," which has existed for many years, and is slowly in-