

covery of anæsthetics marked an era in its history.

The application of the ligature brought with it incalculable benefit, doing away with the *actual cautery* for the arrest of hemorrhage, and making it no longer necessary to perform operations with *red hot knives, molten lead and boiling pitch*.

Only a few years ago, Esmarch, the German surgeon, stepping into the arena, astonished the world with his bloodless bandage. By this bandage we are enabled to amputate limbs and perform many of the most difficult and perilous operations without the stain of blood upon the hands or knife of the operator.

It is useless to attempt an enumeration of the many and varied discoveries which have of late added such lustre to our calling, and still the march is onward.

There are yet unexplored and hidden depths that must be reached, but to enter we must be willing to carve our way.

There are dark pits along our pathway that but require illumination from intellect's light to reveal their hidden treasures.

There are grand fields spread out in richest beauty before us, but to reach them we must struggle.

Many are the trials we will have to encounter, many the temptations to overcome, but with truth, honor and justice inscribed upon our banners, with the fear of God and love of man implanted deeply within our hearts, we must stand firmly by our post, and grasp the responsibilities so voluntarily assumed.

In speaking of these serious matters, I had almost forgotten to address a word of encouragement and bestow our parting blessing on the jolly undergraduates; we assure you with all solemnity that if you only persevere you will receive many a hard tumble while grasping and wrestling with the problems of disease. These, as has probably been hinted to you before, are the happiest days of your lives. Where save in Bishop's College could you enjoy the privilege of a dozen or more written examinations a week? Where save in our splendid reading room could one secure the exquisite bliss of perfect quiet for hours together? And then, look at your pleasures in anticipation,—only a few thousand interesting lectures to attend and you will stand where we do to-day,

robed in the habiliments of your greatness. I fear, dear undergraduates, you do not appreciate your glorious advantages and pleasant prospect, but you will when you have gained the age and experience of *finals*. But I cease—it were ungenerous, weakened as you are by a year of uninterrupted study, thus to “harrow up your thoughts and cause each particular hair to rise on end;” and though your college days cannot be spoken of as “The days of Auld Lang Syne,” let me beg of you as I leave your number, be earnest and industrious to the end.

On behalf of the present graduating class allow me to extend most heartfelt thanks to the ladies for their kind presence on this occasion. The lapse of years will bury many fond recollections, but the consideration, regard and hospitality you have shown us will ever hold a fond place in our memories.

Though our paths may lie among the snow-capped hills and icy plains of the North, or in the land of sunshine and flowers, the magnolia groves and cotton fields of the South, still wherever we roam, from the lethean waves, our grateful hearts will rescue many a cherished name around which will cluster the sweetest reminiscences. To you, representatives of the beauty and talent of Canada's metropolis, we must now bid an affectionate farewell,—

“Farewell! a word that must be, and hath been—
Around which makes us linger;—yet—farewell!”

Respected Dean and Professors,—By a decision of your honorable body, with the approval of the Censors appointed by the College of Physicians and Surgeons of the Province of Quebec, we are made disciples of the noblest art of man. We appreciate the duty entailed, the honor conferred, and the great task we undertake. The college which you represent shall ever hold a fond place in our affections; we, as her foster sons, feel deeply interested in her success; and, as we leave her halls, we can only rejoice with you in her increasing sphere of usefulness and influence. Rest assured that an institution founded and run upon the high principles you have enunciated, with the superior advantages you offer, must, by the force of ability and progress, succeed, and in the near future, send out yearly many Alumni to labor in the vineyard of humanity and strive for garlands of fame with which to deck their young *Alma Mater*.