

survivors of a hard struggle, so "lean and pale and leaden-eyed with study."

Right here it might be well to discuss that very momentous question of overwork. Complaints are continually heard about a course in some particular subject being too extensive to be comprised in an ordinary medical training.

To me it seems that the fault lies rather with the student who, coming into laboratory work wholly unacquainted with the rudiments of the study in which he embarks, not only fails to profit by practical deductions, but becomes so disheartened by the seeming senselessness of the proceedings that he loses all interest, save the hope of being able to squeeze through the examination in the spring.

Insufficient preparatory training, therefore, soon tells in any University course, and in the anxiety of many an injudicious parent who wishes to point with pride to his fully-fledged son, so smart and yet so young, many a boy is shoved well along in his career before it is discovered that he has mistaken his calling.

A young man enters a medical career for either of two reasons, as a means of acquiring the *sine qua non*, or for the purpose of gratifying his love for the healing art.

These two are, however, not incompatible; indeed that career is not well planned which has not as its aim the acquisition of wealth, and that man is successful who can pride himself on the possession of considerable of this world's goods, in which are embodied his conscientious professional activity.

Philanthropy is not appreciated as it used to be, while charity and benevolence are much more practicable in affluence.

It is not well, however, to become wrapped in your pursuit to the extent of selfishness, for the many urgent questions that are now, or at least soon will be, engaging the ablest minds will require for their solution your active co-operation.

The condition of the working classes will attract the attention of the medical sanitarian and the doctor will go hand in hand with the representatives of church and state.

It is all very well to talk of educating the masses to a comprehension of the ideal adjustment of labor and recompense, but there are multitudes in all our large towns so heavily burdened with the load of a vitiated heritage and isolated in an existence of foul air, filth and want that teaching and preaching alike must be felt by them to be bitter mockeries until their condition is ameliorated.

This is a mere hint at the possible future usefulness of any of us, and he will be most able to attempt the solution of any of the problems of his country who has received the most liberal education previous to his devoting himself to the special training in medicine. The power of the physician is then so great for good or evil that maturity of thought is essential to his attaining the highest degree of usefulness. His influence on morality will in consequence be greater, and the words of admonition whispered in the ear of the immoral convalescent will carry with them the weight of a dignified superiority.

Maturity of thought means deliberation, immobility, impassiveness under all circumstances, a most essential virtue in the physician, who must bear with all the whims and sophistries and the deceptions and irritations of shattered nerves and beclouded brain of the men and women who invariably curse the doctor as unskillful who cannot restore health and vigor to a constitution irreparably vitiated ere his services are solicited.

So much then for an efficient preparatory training which will lighten your work as students and in after life command the respect and homage due to true culture. This is being recognized more and more each session, and the qualifications of a matriculant are yearly becoming more exacting. The Ontario Medical Association does much to raise the standard in the Province, but it seems likely to defeat its original policy, which was not that of exclusion, but one of higher education and protection.

Every citizen hopes to see our professional men second to none in the world, but not everyone can understand how an annually increasing examination fee can realize our expectations. Rather exact a higher standard for entrance to our medical schools, then our representatives both at home and abroad will reflect more and more the glory of their Alma Mater.

The inauguration of a compulsory summer session's attendance at lectures will seriously impede the efforts of that young man who utilizes his summer-vacation in the laudable effort to secure the wherewithal to continue his winter college course; and to ask an exorbitant fee from one so situated will be to add the last straw to an already heavy burden. It is an actual fact that members of our classes each year are professionally exiled from this country through inability to meet the demands on "that little pot" on which they count so much at this critical period in their career. No doubt this matter will some day receive more attention than the mere reference possible in an address of this sort; it is enough to voice the growing sentiment among the many young men who are now looking forward to a residence in the land which has always been so dear to them.

Gentlemen of the Undergraduate Classes in Medicine: In taking our departure from your midst to-day we would like to emphasize the importance of several of the institutions which you will find are the most calculated to preserve the spirit of unanimity for which students are proverbially noted.

In electing your officers for that great regulator, the "Concursus Iniquitatis," bear in mind that they require the support of all the students, so that when they are compelled to discharge a sometimes unpleasant duty you will be prepared to share the unavoidable adverse criticism of those who are always ready to discuss the fairness or unfairness of proceedings in which they should "cut no figure."

We carry with us the impression that you are well able to sustain the good name of the Royal, both in the sphere of mental application and physical prowess. It will be difficult to fill the places of some of those men who have helped to establish the rights of Queen's to rank as leader in the manly sports, but your enthusiastic support and appreciation of the sacrifice necessary in following her