

"We deprecate such conduct; we deeply deplore that men actuated by such motives should have found their way into the ranks of our profession, and more so still that they should have been entrusted with professional functions, as we must naturally infer that they will be far more anxiously exercised about the quantities rather than the qualities of those they will let loose to prey on the public."

I am really ashamed to notice such an unjust and ungentlemanly attack upon this Faculty, and it is his position alone as President of the Medical Council, and not the man that is entitled to any notice or consideration in this place. It has long been the aim of this Faculty, to elevate as far as the circumstances of the country would permit, the standard of general education in its students, in proof of this I have only to refer to the following extract from an address to the Graduating class, delivered by me on a similar occasion to the present, eight years ago. I then said:—

"I would urge upon parents and guardians, who intend to educate their sons for any of the learned professions, not to be in any hurry fixing their choice before the mental powers have had time to develop themselves, and the tastes have in some degree been decidedly displayed. The employment to which the whole subsequent life is to be dedicated, which is to be its business, and should as much as possible be its pleasure, should not be decided upon, when the judgment is immature, and the higher mental capabilities are only beginning to manifest themselves. I believe that a course of education that will qualify a youth to commence with advantage the special study of any of the professions, should be followed up, at least, to the age of eighteen, the mind will then have had time to unfold itself, and its power will be readily directed with full intensity, to the special profession, the heart as well as the head being engaged in its pursuit."

"A good knowledge of classics is universally acknowledged to be an essential part of the general training necessary, before entering upon the study of Medicine; without such knowledge, the very meaning of the terms constantly employed in medical literature would be incomprehensible to the student, but the chief importance of a classical education consists in this, that experience has proved the labor bestowed in its acquisition, to be by far the best discipline for preparing the intellect, for being advantageously employed upon any other subject. An acquaintance with the physical sciences is now considered an essential part of a preliminary Medical Education, and to the understanding the more exact among them, as Mechanics and Astronomy, a certain amount of Mathematics is necessary. Some knowledge of Zoology, Botany, Geology, and