

of reading to you to-day. But your smiling faces reassure me, and give a guarantee that you will be lenient in your judgment of me, that you will forget the faults and give me what little credit I may chance to deserve.

On behalf of my fellow students I bid a hearty welcome to you, our visitors. Some of you at least must take an interest in this class of 1890, and for your presence here to-day, we tender you our hearty thanks.

You greeted us with your kindly faces when we first began our College life, you have watched our progress through the years which have sped so quickly since that time, and now, at its close, you have come to see us budding forth into our professional Spring-time, at the beginning of a career which we hope to make profitable alike to ourselves and our fellow-men.

I have to congratulate our worthy Dean and his esteemed Colleagues on the close of another and prosperous session, and I hope with all sincerity that we as students have at least not done disgrace to the name we bear, and that we shall continue as the years go by to do credit to our teachers and to bring honour to the name of Trinity Medical College.

To those who can look at both of them, the contrast between the embryo Trinity of forty years ago and the Trinity of to-day must indeed be a wide one. Then, a school numbering tens where we now number hundreds, and with graduates none but in prospective—small in size, small in equipment, small in the eyes of its neighbours and none too friendly rivals, small in the number of its Faculty—small in everything but in the indomitable energy of its promoters, which energy has been transmitted to their successors through nearly half a century, till to-day Trinity Medical College stands without a peer as a medical institution of learning in this North American Continent. To-day students from all quarters of the globe seek the advantages which our College affords. They are here from every portion of our own great country. They come from our great neighbour to the south of us—from Australia, Japan and the Motherland, and each year go forth our scores of graduates till, thickly spread over the English-speaking world, men of old Trinity flourish prosperous and happy, making themselves name, fame and honour, and proving a source of blessing to their fellow-men.

The success of Trinity is due alike to our College itself, with its excellent equipments and teaching Faculty, and to the crowds of earnest students who each year receive instruction within its walls.

We could wish for no more earnest cultured gentlemen than these our teacher-professors whom you see before you. Careful, diligent and painstaking, the Faculty of this College have the sincerest gratitude of our hundreds of students, who will sow the seeds which they have planted, and as years roll on and the mantle of snow adorn their brow we will cherish in our hearts kind memories of the profitable hours we have spent amongst them.

The Faculty of Trinity Medical College need have no fear for the continued prosperity of an institution which bears such a record. The graduates of this College may assure themselves that the teaching which they have received within these walls will prove a solid foundation to the mountains of knowledge which their minds will amass in the years to come. Our students and our teachers have made our College the successful one it is to-day. The two are inseparable. Both combined are making the scientific, studious and successful medical men of our country. For as the master hand and the good stout oak make the best and most enduring workmanship, so do the graduates of Trinity Medical College reflect the image of their Alma Mater.

I am not speaking idly nor without due consideration when I make these statements. You will judge a man's ability by the work which he does. Must you not then judge a college by the men she puts forth? Then go with me through this vast country and enquire who are the successful medical men—these found, read our graduate list, and the names of old Trinity will stand pre-eminent. Our College stands in this city to-day an independent institution, backed by neither State nor University list, neither Government grant nor provincial properties. We do not desire such, we do not need them. Our students pay for their education; they receive the benefits—they stand on their own merits, and never fail to secure a share and generally more than a share of the honours.

This collegiate year has been a pleasant one for myself and classmates, but in the midst of our pleasure sorrow has not been absent, for as students we sincerely mourn the loss of two of our student friends. Bright young men, who, with the promise of a happy life before them, all too suddenly were called away. They were boys who always held a high place in our esteem, who were ever ready to join with us in our sports, and who, by their natural ability and studious habits, bade fair to do credit to themselves and honour to the College to which they belonged. Unforgotten will they linger with us—bright will thoughts of them remain in our minds, and green as the Spring grass which sprouts above their early graves will the memories of our two dead classmates be engraven on our hearts. To us alone does not belong all the grief, for the gray-haired Dean of our College mourns the loss of his beloved wife. She—the com-

panion of his early manhood, the mother of his children, the support and comfort of his declining years—has been taken from him, and when we remember with what Christian fortitude and earnest hope he told us of his loss, we can scarce restrain the rising tear nor at all withhold the earnest sympathy which we feel for him.

Not alone to these gentlemen, who have been so closely associated with us for the last four years as our teachers, can we give all our gratitude, for to the genial superintendent of the Toronto General Hospital where we learn to apply those principles which we have so well taught us here we have received many acts of kindness and attention for which we are truly grateful. Of my student companions and especially of the members of the graduating class of 1890 whom I enjoy the distinguished honor of representing to-day, I cannot speak in words of sufficient praise. We have spent many happy days together. We have enjoyed one another's little triumphs, mourned one another's sorrows, aided one another in difficulties and mingled in those sports and frolics which make the tedious life of the student so exceedingly pleasant. The boys of Trinity are, like their namesakes in the famous old hall's in the green isle beyond the sea, generous, kind and agreeable, ready to attend you in joy or in adversity, pleasant associates, ready advisers, earnest, conscientious hard workers—men, who, if they belie not the record which lies behind them, will, as time makes its certain march onward, leave the imprint of their existence on the land which will have the good fortune to know them as citizens.

Amongst the students of the other medical colleges in this city with whom we have daily association we have formed many friends.

We have spent many hours side by side with them, and as we hope to win success for ourselves, so for them we wish good luck and God-speed wherever their lot may be cast.

Soon, my fellow-students, we begin an almost new life, one through which we cannot hope to pass without encountering many difficulties, but let us ever remember that we have a much easier pathway to tread than had our fathers in the days gone by. We have, many of us, had small beginnings, but let us never forget that the greatest men in our own particular calling had a start in life far inferior to what we possess. I have only to illustrate this by mentioning the names of two distinguished surgeons—representatives of two great nations—John Hunter and Ambrose Paré, who from the most meagre beginning achieved honour and fame which even to this day shines bright on our pages of science. It is not alone one's advantages however much they may serve him that make a man successful.

It is not accident that weaves the wreath of triumph about the brows of our distinguished citizens. Great men of science, literature and art—great men in our own noble calling—apostles of great thoughts and lords of the great heart—have belonged to no exclusive rank in life. They have come alike from colleges, workshops and farm houses, from the huts of poor men and from the mansions of the rich. The poorest have sometimes taken the highest places, nor have difficulties apparently the most insuperable proved obstacles in their way. These very difficulties in many instances would seem to have been their best helpers by evoking their powers of labour and endurance, and stimulating into life faculties which otherwise might have lain dormant. The instances of obstacles thus surmounted and of triumphs thus achieved are indeed so numerous as almost to justify the proverb that "with will one can do anything."

Let us think of the difficulties and prejudices, the opposition and ridicule which men like Harvey Jenner and Sir Chas. Bell had to overcome, and be not dismayed by the obstacles which we may meet, but sternly face them and earnestly work against them, and the reward will be all the sweeter for it.

In the pursuit of even the highest branches of human enquiry the commoner qualities are found the most useful, such as common sense, attention, application and perseverance. Genius may not be necessary, though even genius of the highest sort does not disdain the use of these ordinary qualities. The very greatest of men have been among the least believers in the power of genius, and as worldly-wise and persevering as successful men of the commoner sort. In the words of a great thinker, "Genius is patience." (Buffon.)

Let us then, my comrades, learn to meet our difficulties with patience, energy and faithful honest work. Let us look to reap the result of diligence and integrity, let us seek to gain our livelihood by a faithful adherence to good honest principles, striving to be an example to our neighbours and to one another. In the words of one of our most esteemed professors let me say that "the profession to which we have the honour to belong is an honourable one, well worthy to be the calling of any man."

Let us endeavour so to walk our way through life that we may never disgrace the name of that profession, but strive to brighten the light which now shines so brilliantly, to do good where we can, and patiently tarry for the reward which to the deserving never fails to come.

And now, my fellow-students, we join with one another in saying farewell and wishing prosperity to the old College where we have spent so many happy hours.