

your profession, — *Cave canite et probe*,” a brief but comprehensive pledge, which never should be forgotten.

The virtues of delicacy, secrecy and prudence, are absolute requisites to the physician. He is admitted freely and unreservedly into the family confidence, and on many occasions becomes the depository of matters of extreme delicacy, and necessary secrecy, perhaps upon which the happiness of the family may depend; requiring not only secrecy, but also prudence, on the part of the physician. He often has the power to heal the family breach, and restore harmony and happiness, or “minister to the mind diseased,” as well as to “all the ills that flesh is heir to”; delicacy and propriety of conduct, and demeanour will ensure the respect of all that is amiable. No one requires more than the physician to bear in memory, the old adage, — “a close mouth is the sign of a wise head.” He who desires to make himself agreeable, or acceptable by gossip, will soon find himself feared and shunned. I would now offer a word or two, with reference to your conduct, and demeanour towards your professional brethren. We are all rivals, it cannot be otherwise,—let, however, our rivalry be carried on honorably and fairly—let us ever adhere to the golden rule,—never let the success of another excite your jealousy, nor cause you to forget your propriety. However, justly or not, the public may judge of our qualifications and claims, it must determine the question of preference, and we must submit to decision.

I must not close without noticing to you a habit which is injurious, both to health and morals, ruinous to the physician, and disgraceful to the gentleman. I mean indulgence in vinous and spirituous passions; what little dependence can be placed in the “tippler”? How much is he to be feared in the sick chamber, where all our reasoning faculties and presence of mind, are required, where life or death may be the stake; who can answer for the evil consequence, of this degrading vice,—sobriety is an essential requisite, to the physician, and ought to rank foremost among his virtues and the severest visitation of public opinion, should follow any departure from it.

I have no doubt you will rejoice with me, at the new era, which has now commenced in the annals of our College, and its brightening prospects, since it has been taken under the fostering care of the Royal Institution, some of whose zealous members have honored us by their presence at this ceremony. Heretofore we have struggled on, through many difficulties, and against much opposition, almost unaided, while a rival University has enjoyed a liberal support, in a large endowment. I think I may claim some merit for the Medical Faculty, for having placed the College in the present enviable and much envied position. We can boast of having had numbers of Alumni from the most distant parts of the Province, even from the portals of the more favored institutions; this, I think speaks volumes for the reputation of our College—adversity is said to sharpen wit—it may have been so in our case. I trust, however, that prosperity may not cool down our zeal, nor lessen our exertions, and we may hope ere long, to see our University in a still more flourishing condition.

I have only to add my own congratulations and best wishes for your professional success and prosperity.

Benjamin Workman, of Montreal, Thesis on Scarlatina.

Adolphe Bruneau, of Montreal, on Cancer.

Stephen Duckett, of St. Polycarpe, on Apoplexy.

Colin MacDonald, of Cornwall, on Pertussis.

Richard Moore, of Bandon, Ireland, on Cholera.

The honorary degree of M. D., was awarded to Walter Henry, Esq., Inspector General of Military Hospitals, and ——— Rae, Esq., the renowned Arctic traveller. Mr. Henry being present, returned thanks for this high honor in an appropriate speech happily conceived and truly eloquent which he terminated by referring to the elevated position of the University and its bright prospects.

Initiatory to the graduation in medicine, Mr. T. Brown obtained the degree of A. B., and read a latin oration followed by one in the vulgate of a farewell character.

On Saturday the 30th April, a special convocation was held to confer the degree of M. D. on Henry Atkinson Tuzo, of Quebec, to enable him to proceed to Fort Vancouver on the Columbia River where he has received a surgery in the Hon. Hudson Bay Company. This gentleman's thesis was written on Pulmonary Hæmorrhage.

COLLEGE OF PHYSICIANS & SURGEONS, C.E.

The Semi-annual Meeting of the Governors of the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Lower Canada was held in this city on Tuesday the 10th May, at which the following gentlemen were present:—Drs. Morin, Sewell, Russell, Von Iffland, and Bardy of Quebec; Drs. Gilmour