

said of the Montreal class. Out of the Government candidates who recently appeared before the General Board at Toronto, the number from Victoria College was equal to the total number from all the other medical schools in the Dominion. Of your members who presented themselves before the Council Board for final examination, a Board, the members of which consist of representatives from all the medical schools in the Province, and from the profession in all parts of Ontario, not one who had altogether studied his profession at Victoria College failed to pass his examination. And at the same, I believe I am correct in stating that in the primary class, the first five highest on the list for efficiency were from this institution. Having now passed through the long, trying months and years of your pupilage, and having so creditably acquitted yourselves at the dual examinations, you would be less than mortal did you not exult in your successes to-day. On behalf of the University, on behalf of the Medical Faculty of Toronto, and on my own behalf, I again congratulate you. But think not—I must warn you—that the major difficulties of life have been overcome. Your present position but enables you to set out upon the real duties of life. Your present attainments are qualifications which enable you to undertake the most solemn duties that can devolve on mortal man. Your successes to-day clothe you with responsibilities for the future, the magnitude of which cannot easily be over-estimated.

Will you permit me, your old teacher, one who has tried to be, and who will continue to be, your friend, to offer you a few suggestions respecting the duties which await you in the practice of your profession. I have already intimated that although you have now become doctors of medicine, you will have to continue to be earnest, constant students. In the past you have been concerned principally to prepare yourselves for examinations; hereafter you will strive more particularly to be prepared for every emergency in practice. In the past your source of information has been mainly the book and the lecture room; hereafter you will seek more especially to gain knowledge in the contemplation of disease. But while you thus gain personal experience, do not neglect the experience of others. Forget not, nor despise the ancient landmarks, for new and uncertain guides. By all means leave the first principles; but in proceeding take heed to your way that it be a true one. In the application of the principles of the medical science you are now supposed to have mastered, you must exercise all the sense you possess. *Common* sense all the time; *uncommon* sense, provided it be sound, as much as you can command. Aim to be natural, and eschew everything artificial. An air of mystery may suit a certain class of minds; but it is repugnant