

You will find many difficulties, which can be overcome only by patience, courage and perseverance. When, as years roll on, and you are numbered amongst the successful practitioners, you must expect to find that your increasing reputation has its drawbacks. The dignified ease associated with the other learned professions becomes more remote as you grow older. You will, however, have the satisfied conscience that you are the more frequently instrumental in relieving the suffering of your fellow man. The discharge of your duties, when associated with kindness and tenderness, will call forth expressions of gratitude from more than those whose sufferings you have relieved ; it will also cause to arise within your own heart inexpressible feelings of thankfulness that you as an individual, not simply the money you represent, are of some use in the world.

Remember, gentlemen, wherever you go, the diploma you have so deservedly obtained is a passport amongst the members of our profession either at home or in foreign climes. Remember also the pledge demanded by Hippocrates from everyone entering the temple of the healing art : “with purity and with holiness I will pass my life and practise my art.” Your Alma Mater will expect you to keep unsullied this guarantee of honor and trustworthiness she now bestows on you. I am sure, gentlemen, I express the heartfelt wish of every member of this faculty when I say, may God bless you and prosper you in your journey through life.