

class, and again revolving years have brought me before the present class of graduates to offer on behalf of the teaching staff their congratulations on the attainment of the measure of success you have so hardly earned, the degree you are justly entitled to as the climax of your four years' hard study, and which has just been conferred on you. A fortnight ago you were in the agony of confident certainty, confident hope, hope, misgiving, doubt, despair at the prospect of the result of the test of merit you were about to undergo, alternating from moment to moment, as some brother student asked a question or propounded a problem which you either answered glibly or were unable to solve. But now, having answered to the satisfaction of your examiners, and taken the oath of your college degree, and gone through the formality of having the mortar board and tassel shaken over your heads, you are dubbed "doctor," and away you go to put in practice, on your suffering fellow-man, woman or child, those principles of your art you think you have mastered. But e'er you go and we see but little more of you we would say a few words at parting.

The curriculum laid down for the pursuance of the student of medicine in this University requires to be completely worked out by him. If he would be successful in his practice he must be a constant observer and student of nature,—nothing is too small, too insignificant to be passed by or neglected by him. From the smallest circumstance the greatest results may arise. Man with his erect stature, wonderful mechanism and diversity of mental attainments, together with the varied forms of all animal life, the beautiful and complex forms we see in the wonderful carpet of verdure with which Nature clothes and adorns the earth, the marvellous interwoven forms of crystals glistening with the splendors of the rainbow as they reflect the light at different angles,—all are but the development of the potentiality of the single spherical mass of matter acted upon by opposing forces in different directions. The study of these spherical cells and the forces acting on them externally and internally are the objects and conditions for your investigation. You must not consider that now you have taken your degree your studentship is over ;