

to their names to commemorate their noble, heroic deeds—such public praise is kept for the soldier alone—and yet I claim their bravery was equal to the bravest act ever done on the field of battle. Follow the surgeon on the battlefield. Where is he to be found but in the very foremost post of danger, in the very firing line, amidst the shot and shell falling thickly around him, calmly ministering to the needs of those brave fellows who lay down their lives for their country? He heeds not his own danger; where duty calls him there does he go unflinchingly to do that duty. But it is seldom we hear of him as receiving rewards equal to his brother officers. Of course, I do not say that all are overlooked, but of the many who deserve recognition and honors, few, indeed, receive their rightful share. In the great war at present engaging the fascinated attention of the whole world, the surgeons must of necessity be doing an immense deal of courageous work. Not only on the battlefield do they toil, but long on into the weary hours of night they must continue their labors when other soldiers are taking their rest. The fearful amount of disease that must at present be raging amongst those two mighty armies engaged in mortal strife, must tax the strength of the surgeons beyond our conception. If occasion should demand of any one of you present to risk your life in the discharge of your duties, I know you will never shrink from that duty.

Truthfulness and loyalty must at all times characterize your life and actions. Be loyal to your King, your country, your profession and yourselves. Never be tempted to do a mean thing that would bring discredit on any one of them; you have not been so taught in the past, you can find no excuse for so doing in the future. Some day in the near future you will come to this great university to seek at her hands the highest gift she has to give, viz., her diploma. I tell you, gentlemen, if she could foresee that you would some day tarnish her honor by some dishonorable act, no inducement, however great, would tempt her to entrust you with that diploma. She looks to you to help build up her reputation and not drag her honor in the mire. If your only object in seeking admission to the ranks of medicine is to gain wealth, you will be doomed to disappointment. Few, indeed, are those who succeed in that direction. You can at all times, by strict attention to your duties, make a moderate competency, a comfortable living, but not more than this.

It is only the charlatan and quack who amass great fortunes out of the too credulous public. The public are only too ready