

learn the principles which are to guide you in the treatment of diseases; and may they, in the hour of peril, when all around is gloom and darkness, prove beacon-lights to illumine your path; may they, under those trying circumstances, which are to be encountered in the career of every physician, redeem the pledge which we make to you this day, to spare no effort, to shrink from no labour necessary for the zealous and faithful performance of the trust imposed on us as your instructors. To the Faculty of Medicine of this University has been delegated the high privilege of preparing you for the emergencies of professional life. Soon you will be called upon to exhibit, through your acts, testimony of the fidelity with which you have pursued your studies; testimony, too, of the manner in which we, your teachers, have discharged our duty. These are considerations which, I know full well, no member of this Faculty can contemplate, without appreciating to the full extent the great responsibility of his position; and whatever may be the feelings of my colleagues on this subject—I know they are deep and abiding, and were especially so in one who is now no more,—allow me to say for myself personally, that I never enter upon the performance of my annual duties without a sentiment of apprehension and distrust. It will, however, be my earnest care to consecrate to your service every energy of my mind; and, feeling as I do a deep interest in your prosperity, you may rely on my best endeavours to impress upon you the principles and practice of the department assigned to me in this Institution.

Gentlemen, I have alluded to one who is now no more, a cherished friend, and trusted and well-tried colleague; and I feel that I, who have been associated with him for a quarter of a century in the duties of this Faculty, would prove recreant to my duty, and faithless to every sentiment of esteem and friendship, were I to pass over his demise lightly, —one who was one of the early founders of this School, and to the hour, nay minute of his death, its steadfast friend and