

which patients could be sent—patients sufficiently recovered to pass out of the physician's hands, to make room for other more urgent cases constantly coming in—patients still needing tender care and nourishing food. Alas! in too many cases they are obliged to return to the over-crowded rooms and scant fare that in all probability was the primary cause of the disease which required their removal to the hospital. A relapse frequently results, and the last state of that patient is worse than the first. It may be that it is a workingman, who shrinks from taking the meagre delicacies which his wife supplies, feeling that he is taking food from his little ones—food that is scarcer than ever on account of his illness. Or, it may be a domestic servant, her home far from the city. How gladly would she welcome a week or a fortnight's rest before again commencing her daily routine of toil!

The medical profession brings its members in contact with so much suffering and sorrow that there is danger of them becoming callous and faithless. Therefore it calls for those with broad and charitable views of life—men and women whose hearts are full of love for humanity, and unbounded faith in Him who came that we might have life, and that we might have it more abundantly. Moreover, they must be honorable, able to keep silence, for how often, through the ravings of delirium or the unburdening of some sorrowing heart, they become the recipients of life's stories that must never pass their lips. Sacred as the words of the dead they must be.

To make a successful physician there must first be love for the profession, otherwise what is painful or disagreeable will become an unsupportable burden. Strong nerves, gentle hands, tender sympathy, keen perception of character and charity of heart all go to make the successful doctor, and if these are needed in the profession generally, surely they are doubly necessary for those among us who look forward to leaving home and friends and devoting our lives to medical mission work in foreign lands. There are such both in the Royal and the Woman's Medical.

As christian physicians our work may be two-fold. What a kind deed it will be to remove a cataract by which the glorious sunlight may stream through the windows of the soul, but kinder far will it be to open the spiritual eye to the Sun of Righteousness. In our practice we will be called upon to vaccinate some of our patients, by which we will hope to avert one of the most loathesome and deadly of diseases. Such an act will be truly a good one, but better far will it be to implant in the inner man a vital principle by which sin, the most malignant disease, shall be subdued and driven out. How blessed to have it in our power to cure the ulcerous wound and mitigate the agonies of the human frame, but far more blessed to pour the balm of Gilead into the sinner's wounded spirit.

May all who go forward to this work ever bear in mind their high calling and ever prove themselves worthy of their college and Alma Mater.

DR CUNNINGHAM'S VALEDICTORY.

Mr. Chancellor, Ladies and Gentlemen, Fellow Students: I feel honored to-day in being permitted on behalf of my classmates to present the annual address of the graduating members in medicine.

In conformity to the general method of procedure, I shall attempt briefly to allude to some of the impressions associated with our stay at the Royal, and to reveal the tumultuous feelings of the graduate on an occasion such as the present. When standing on the threshold of an entirely new existence, he looks back on the many happy hours of student life, and, tracing his own intellectual development, congratulates himself as an example of "the survival of the fittest," while he looks forward to a time when, having achieved the brilliant success so faithfully outlined in his mind, he may settle back and view himself in the light of a benefactor of the race in general.

The four years of college life are not without their practical lessons. The freshman rapidly rises in the medical scale, but when plucked in his second session he settles down manfully to master the "solid facts," under guidance of which alone can he expect to have "a reason for the faith that's in him."

The solid senior, with all his learning, yet dazed with the immensity of the field which widens at each step of his progress, must realize that his preparatory training has only fitted him for an intelligent appreciation of the opportunities which that best of educators, experience, will afford. He has learned the lesson which, if profited by, will assure him a place amongst the foremost in the profession. It is this—that to be eminently successful a medical man must be a student so long as he practices medicine.

While at college our intense yearning for knowledge, with its excellent co-education, the ghost of examination and rejection, keep us in pursuit of our ambition.

As practitioners, competition and the demands of this age of advanced science, will not permit us to forget the resolve to be ambitious.

The Royal has always been alive to the progress and welfare of her sons, and at no time more than that during which we continued to develop under her fostering care.

Our course has been thorough; and individual reference to the painstaking, forbearing and indulgent professoriate would be but a reiteration of the efforts of each to render the pabulum as assimilable as possible.

Each lecturer has made it his aim to acquaint us with the most approved and recent scientific knowledge, and to embody in his instruction the practical benefit of his professional observation.

Such a staff cannot fail to make the Degree of Queen's unassailable as a modern medical model. The equipment is becoming more perfected each session. Thorough renovation of the college property, extensive alterations in the class-rooms and remodelled museum all point to increased prosperity, which we sincerely trust will ever bless our old home.

Our physical training, alas! has lost its pristine perfection, and while we hail with delight the establishment of a permanent and complete pathological laboratory, we regret that the bacilli micrococci, spirilla, etc., ousted us from the gymnasium.

By all means let agitation be made for a new gymnasium, since active mental exercise requires the support of a healthy physique. Had we not been handicapped in this respect you would not see us now the poor careworn