

or questions of general interest relating to medicine, and, at the same time, to impart words of advice and encouragement to students in the difficulties and trials that beset their path. It is not my purpose to occupy your time to-night discussing any question of medical politics, but to draw your attention to the advantageous circumstances under which it has fallen to your lot to pursue your course of study and preparation, and to offer some suggestions as to the best means to reach the end you have in view. I have no doubt you have all given full consideration to the subject before coming to a decision on your present course. That you may enter intelligently on your choice of a career it is important that you understand its nature and the demands that it will probably make upon you. For a full and lucid exposition of the present status and of the future prospects of medical science and practice, I commend to your careful study the opening lecture delivered two years ago by Prof. A. B. Macallum. It will well repay each of you to give careful consideration to the questions therein discussed, as thereby you will be enabled to form a clearer and more comprehensive conception of the scope of the science of medicine, the great advances being made, and yet to be made, in it, and the directions in which new discoveries and advances are likely to occur. It will give you a clearer idea also of the requirements necessary to equip you to bear an honorable part in those advances and the requirements equally necessary for your preparation for the discharge of the more prosaic duties that will devolve upon you in the career which you have chosen. It is of the greatest importance the ideal you form of your profession—its standing, its needs, the demands it makes on you, and the spirit in which you should meet these demands. This is all of the utmost consequence because your true success—success measured by results accomplished—will be in proportion to your ideal.

After some references to the provisions made for such a scientific course, my remarks to-night will pertain chiefly to the spirit in which you should apply yourselves to your work, to incite you to the contemplation of high ideals, and encourage you in the arduous task of their accomplishment.

THE UNIVERSITY AND ITS EQUIPMENT.

Then, first, let me direct your attention to the advantageous circumstances under which you are to pursue your careers as students, and congratulate you on your choice of an institution in which to enroll yourselves. The University of Toronto has always been foremost in elevating the standard of education and in improving the facilities for instruction. For many years there has been no important reform in medical education in this province that has not had its origin in this university. It is to this advanced university spirit that you owe the splendid series of laboratories