

whom we send forth to the world ; whose reputation bad or good must, by a species of reflex action, throw on us a shadow or a lustre ; for our Profession and our College, now common to us both, must thus, by the swelling tide of returning fame be presented as exhibiting a broader direction and a more extended utility ; or deprived of all such auxiliaries of strength and adornment, it may exist it is true, but unillustrated, isolated, barren. But while we are anxious that the number of our graduates should increase, we are determined that their standing shall in no manner be reduced to the level of mediocrity or the reach of indolence. We cannot prostitute our calling by meretricious acts of so styled liberality evinced by the facility with which our degree may be obtained ; and yet for the practical observance of this principle we have been denounced, even threatened, the culminating extent of which, as you may anticipate, is the withdrawing of the patronage of those whose odium we have thus incurred ; need I say that we are undeterred and shall make our standard---that which it has ever been---high. What ! are we, think you, to receive all without discrimination or test ? would such a course benefit the country or the parties themselves ? can any one suppose that by aiming less high we can attain anything like eminence ? or that by depressing the grade of education we increase its power and consequent influence ? No, no, if facilities in passing and in studying are thus to be confounded rather let us cease from our labour, or delegate it to others less scrupulous, but mayhap in this wise, more agrarian, more popular.

This is an epoch in your life---after a period of several years study---during which your faculties have been trained and quickened, your memory taxed and strengthened to accuracy, and the "book and volume of your brain" inscribed with clear and legible characters---you have steadily taken advantage of your opportunities, till now on a parity with your late teachers ; no longer are you expected, as of old were the disciples of philosophy, jurare in verba magistri ; but are given the full scope of your judgment, and the free exercise of your faculties ; no longer boys ; no longer under academic control, or parental subsidy---proud of your young strength, exulting in your future---you are about to test the principles and knowledge which you have so industriously acquired---you are to assume all the responsibilities of manhood---you must be equal to its constant requirements and superior to its depressing cares. Your relations with the world will not solely be medical, other duties, than professional, will claim your attention, or call for your action ; and thus, therefore must you cultivate the social as well as the doctoral amenities. To your patients you must bring the very function of your capacity, not languidly or coldly---but actively and sympathisingly---for it is quite