

patients, and the attention which they receive from him in the discharge of his duty, he becomes an object of gratitude and affection both to his patients and to others to whom his patients are dear ; and in this way he acquires with both classes influence in matters outside his profession. The fact of his being a man of education above the average of those with whom he has to do is a further occasion of influence with them. His influence from all these causes is both an unsought influence, arising in part from what is known of his character, opinions and opportunities, and also an influence which he may exert by express effort. Whatever the influence is, it is a "talent" to be used for good. Whatever power of this kind you may have, most of you (I hope all of you) would like to employ worthily. That I think I may assume to be the present sentiment of each of you. You would not like to use your influence for harm, nor to throw it away unused for good. You would like that, in some way or other, and in every way practicable, the world may be the better for your having lived in it ; that your country may be the better for your having been its citizen ; and that your family, your mother and your father, your sisters and your brothers, and all others whom you love or like, may be the better for your relation to them. I should be