

I will not pursue this subject any further, as I do not wish to enter into the large subject of specialism. I have only referred to it in order to give you a glimpse of the great profession that you have now entered, and to direct the attention of the profession at large to the fact that the students of this country are seriously handicapped by the regulations of the Provincial Medical Boards. It is a great mistake to hamper the teaching bodies. If medical education is to progress, it is essential that it should not be subject to the will of every budding medical politician. In this University we especially, I think, feel the obstructing influences of the Medical Boards. We are not only the oldest medical school in Canada, but the most progressive. At present, as in the past, our curriculum has been ahead of all others. It is, in fact, frequently copied by our neighbors—a sign which we are pleased to see, for you all know that “imitation is the sincerest flattery.” Depend upon it, we are not going to rest. Our motto is “Ever onwards! Ever upwards!”

I will now conclude what I have to say by reminding you that the years of your probation here will quickly pass away, and that soon you will be called upon to go forth to join the ranks of those who are battling with disease. Great is the field of labor, and every true and honest workman is welcome therein. The contest is a great and very unequal one, but every day it is lessening. Every day the light of science is brighter. May it be your part to aid, however humble, in making it still brighter, but to do this you must—*work!* Then “work while it is called to-day, for the night cometh when no man can work.”