

who perchance may be looking forward to his expected day of graduation with fond and eager anxiety.

It is only, gentlemen, by systematic study that you can duly qualify yourselves for the arduous, responsible duties of that profession which you are selecting; and it is only by constant, careful study afterwards, that you can retain those qualifications. Medicine is not a retrogressive branch of study, nor is its practice the same as it was years ago, nor will it, in all probability, be fifty years hence as it is now. The principles here taught it may become your province to improve upon, so as to adapt them to altered times or altered circumstances. Study diligently, observe carefully; and in the sunset of *your* lives, when the infirmities of age have impaired your physical energies, but while memory still clings to her seat, and passes in review the stirring events of earlier and long-past days, may it be in your power to rejoice "that your strength has not been spent in vain, nor your labour for nought."