

longer under pupillage you are now members of the profession of your choice. I congratulate you upon having attained your majority. I congratulate you not merely because you have graduated into manhood and in medicine; but that you do so at such an auspicious period of our country's history. The Dominion of Canada under Confederation has just reached man's estate, and has been clothed with the robes of national power, and endowed with the functions of national life. She has received a diploma to practise the science and art of independent existence; and thus she has commenced to work out the grand problem of national success, just as you have been furnished with authority to work out your independent personal destiny. It is, I say, a happy time to be called to work and act for yourselves, as your country has entered upon the high way of prosperity. As I believe this Dominion will be fully able to meet the expectations of the most hopeful and trustful, so I believe you Graduates in Medicine, of Victoria College, will be found equal to the duties and responsibilities which await you in professional life, and that you will, like your country among the nations of the world, stand among your fellowmen and brother practitioners, at all times honest, just, upright, and inferior to none. But in order to be successful you must not only make use of your present acquirements, you must ceaselessly endeavour to add to your store of knowledge, not of medical lore alone, but of all knowledge which will assist to equip you for the duties of life. Although you now cease to be tyros and pupils under professors, you cannot cease to be students. It is one of the conditions of success in the medical profession that constant application of the mind be practised. The field of book knowledge, and of nature, must be both diligently cultivated.

Upon the elevated ground you occupy to-day, you may profitably look upon the past, and forward to the future, while you fail not to gratify, as you are justified in doing, your mind by contemplating the surroundings of the present. I have no doubt, in the past, during the time you have been engaged in the pursuit of the principles of the science of medicine, you have often experienced hours of hopelessness, of despondency, almost of fear. The ordeal through which you have passed before the College Examining Board, and the Board of the Medical Council, is well calculated to make one thoughtful, and consider whether he can possess himself of the knowledge, the power, and the courage requisite for successful passing. It is a cause of great gratification equally to us all, both teachers and students, that you have not been found wanting. Wanting neither courage nor success. I now speak of the graduating class of Toronto, and I have no doubt the same can be