

be in every sense a better man than his neighbor who systematically neglects it. Of American journals, the *Philadelphia Medical News*, the *New York Medical Record* and *New York Medical Journal* ought to be selected. But to all of you who aspire to a position at all above the rank and file, who are not content with the bottom rounds of the ladder where throngs the crowd, I would say you must not be satisfied with the medical literature of our mother tongue. You must know French and German, and, if you have not hitherto acquired these languages, I would say begin now, when for a year or two most of you will have plenty of spare time on your hands. There is no use in your expecting to know anything of consequence of the intense activity in medical matters which prevails in Germany and elsewhere from translations.

It has been said that to get on in medicine capital is necessary. If by capital money is meant, then I say it is not essential. Some of the most successful men have had no money. In fact, if you have money to invest, there are many ways by which to get a better material return than medicine. The capital essential to success is brains and industry, and it may be a comfort to many of you to know that these will suffice. No doubt a little money will sometimes greatly assist, but just as often it enervates or paralyzes. In the study and practice of medicine, your tastes and objects are doubtless varied, but the great majority of you must of necessity be general practitioners. In these days of prolific specialism, some of you may aspire to special work, thinking it easy or remunerative. Well, it may be remunerative in a few instances of marked success, but that it is ever easy when successful I deny. I would further say to those of you who aspire to special practice, that if you are to be either safe or successful specialists you must first have a wide knowledge and experience of general medicine and surgery. Success in special practice depends largely on having acquired the confidence of the profession of the community in which you live, and this you cannot get without attainments which entitle you to it.

We have especial congratulations for those of you who have attained to honors and prizes. They are the fruit of