

self by observation, and to work up the facts into sound generalizations, load the mind with purely abstract conceptions, and hazy, ill-comprehended ideas, they become a positive injury and not a benefit. Is there a medical school in existence that can claim that correct methods are fully carried out? McGill is well to the front as compared with the best. But let us be candid. If I make to-day a few statements not of that laudatory character so common in this country, I hope I shall not be credited with less love for my own University or my own land than those who only boast of our present attainments.

A system that crowds so much work into four sessions; a system that expects so much at examinations; that keeps men listening to lectures of one hour each from 9 A.M. to 6 P.M., with the exception of a busy period of a couple of hours at the hospital and one hour for lunch, I do unhesitatingly declare an educational monstrosity and a fearful imposition on young, undeveloped natures. This is not the way to develop men, but to dwarf or distort them; and that our students are not more injured is evidence of the strength of their constitutions. No students work so hard and so cheerfully as medical students, and none are more handicapped by educational blundering.

Gentlemen graduates, I am sure you feel the truth of these remarks; you have groaned under the weight you have had to carry; and even the best men amongst you have felt it too heavy. You have been conscious of trying to keep in form for examination a vast mass of details which you have not digested nor even comprehended; and yet *you* have had greater advantages than most students in America for the acquisition of knowledge and for mental development in the right way.

The term I have just used, "development," raises a question I would urge with all the earnestness of which I am capable. Man has a complex organization, and any system of education that fails to develop all the parts of his nature harmoniously must be to a greater or less degree a failure. There are a few universities on this continent that look after the physical development of men wisely; a few others whose methods for the training of the *intellect* are to a large degree in harmony with