

and full notes of all lectures delivered be such an important thing to the medical student, then why not include shorthand writing in the subjects necessary to be passed at the preliminary examination. Now that I am giving advice, it might be as well to say a few words to the men who, this year for the first time, are entering upon the study of medicine. The old students, I dare say, are not so anxious for advice and having already had their opinions crystallized on many subjects, it would be a difficult thing to alter them. Well, I need not tell you that you have a severe course of study before you and the sooner you set to work to overcome the difficulties the better, you should not take it easy the first year because the examinations are not so severe as in the primary or second year, but make up your minds to work as hard during the first session as in the subsequent ones, and if you thus make a good beginning you will find the work each year becoming easier and the interest in it increasing. Habits of work thus early acquired are likely to be lasting. If, at the end of the first year, you find you have no love for your work, it would be far better not to go on with it, for your future success is very problematical. In the first year, you ought to get a good grounding on all the primary subjects ; you should pay great attention to your practical anatomy, histology and other subjects, which are taught by demonstrations. I should not advise you to attend the hospital at all during your first session. Your attendance there with your present want of technical and other special knowledge will be of but little service to you, and will take away much valuable time from the study of those purely scientific subjects, which will form the foundation of all your future knowledge of medicine, and for the acquirement of which the time at your disposal is far too short.

In all your studies you should strive after exactness. Whatever you learn, learn well, and do not be satisfied with a general or superficial knowledge. In subjects such as anatomy, histology, physiology, etc., do not depend too much upon your books ; verify their statements by your own work. Your motto should be, " Prove all things : hold fast that which is good." When I tell