

INTRODUCTORY LECTURE.

GENTLEMEN,—Allow me to offer to you my salutations, as well as those of my colleagues, and to extend to you all a most cordial welcome to the halls of this University. You have met together for the purposes of instruction and self improvement, and in the full hope that the great and fundamental principles of our noble profession, as transmitted to us by venerable sages and learned fathers, will be here promulgated with fidelity, and in a manner equal to, if not superior to what they may be in the other halls of medical learning in this Province. I have used the word superior, for I doubt not that it is the advantages, which this town and School of Medicine offer in a superior manner to that of other places in Canada, which have proved the sources of attraction. These thoughts render our position one of increased responsibility. The duties which, on such considerations, devolve upon us, and which our position necessarily calls upon us to discharge, are far too sacred to be regarded lightly, for they involve consequences momentous not only to yourselves, but to those also who are hereafter to be confided to your professional care. In this School, then, you are to