

Returns of Medical Colleges in the United States, 1854-55.

	No. Students.	No. grad.
Medical Department, University of Nashville	294	93
Medical College of Georgia	171	93
Memphis Medical College	50	19
College of Physicians and Surgeons, N. Y.	182	44
University Medical College, N. Y.	307	108
Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia	565	256
Medical College of South Carolina	194	77
University of Pennsylvania	426	178
Medical College of Savannah	50	17
Iowa Medical College, Keokuk	79	21
New York Medical College	116	33
Pennsylvania do	150	33
Philadelphia do	150	39
Virginia do	80	25
University of Louisiana, Medical Department	223	54

The following Colleges have only furnished returns of the numbers of their graduates:---

Medical Department, Yale College 10; Medical Department, University of Louisville 72; Buffalo Medical College 14; Medical College, Chicago 41; Medical Department, St. Louis 36; Medical College, Ohio 21; Miami Medical College 17; Kentucky School of Medicine 15; Starling Medical College 19; Albany Medical College 49; Castleton Medical College 19.

From the foregoing it appears that at the close of the last Session 1854-55, there were made in all the Medical Colleges of the United States 1412 Doctors of Medicine. Well might the expression of Abernethy be applied to them which he is represented to have passed upon his class. On the occasion of an introductory lecture upon the first appearance of this popular teacher while all around him was lost in a tumultuous uproar of welcome, he stood calmly looking on till the last sound of out-poured feeling was dying in the air, when shoving his hands still further down in his breeches pockets, he as it were involuntarily exclaimed in sad abstraction and with strange bewilderment "poor, poor devils, what will become of you." At length the sound of his own whistle that wound up the ejaculation, woke him from the reverie into which he had been led by the contemplation of their numbers and he proceeded with his lecture. And so we wonder what will become of these 1412 newly fledged Medicos, sent adrift upon this heartless world to seek its cold charity. Surely, Sir James McGrigor, late Director of the Army Medical Department, must have had a keen reference to the resources and manufacturing powers of "independent" Americans in the matter of Physic when he told the English Parliament "he could furnish a regiment of Surgeons at 24 hours notice."