

and painful, sometimes almost beyond endurance, you have spent in the acquisition of your knowledge of anatomy. You must always be alive to the fact that your study of anatomy and its foster sister physiology, are only preparations for your aid to the sick and suffering and your knowledge of or the want of it, may be the cause of life or death to your patients. Never let this fact be absent from your minds, you are assuming the gravest responsibility, if you neglect this serious and important study. An eminent surgeon in England told me that busy as he was, he never failed to read some pages of his book on anatomy every day in his life, and he attributed much of his success to this daily re-collection.

In approaching the subject let me impress on you the value of the study of anatomy as an element, a great, important educational element, not only in this special branch, but in all your future life interests and work. When a traveller first visits a new country he uses all his senses and applies them to his own progress and advantage. That is, he observes, reasons on details and decides his further action. In fact he follows the processes of mind as laid before you in your works on logic and physiology. 1st perception or apprehension; 2nd comparison or reasoning; 3rd willing or decision. In your work do not forget that by these same simple processes you will most easily master, and when mastered, retain your details of the subject. Use your common sense and apply your comprehension of details as in ordinary life. By such means you will find the value of the study, still aiding in your life education, leading to trains of thought and ideas, at first you will think hardly conceivable; you will learn those essential conditions of scientific thought, accuracy of details, clearness in description, conciseness in expression.

All these factors in your education I repeat are of the highest importance, and I cannot too emphatically and earnestly insist on your deliberate consideration with regard to your teachers, or whatever title best or least befits their dignity, think of them as guides, who have tracked and passed over the trails you are invited to follow. They have, as all guides, found the way "o'er moor and fen, o'er crag and torrents," and encountered many obstacles and dangers. They are merely showing you what they have experienced and endured. Such faithful guides trust! and they will trust you. A faithful trust in a man who is believed to be loyal to work and endeavours, begets loyalty, honest and manly work in his pupils and disciples. It is by such genuine qualities that the greatest teachers and instructors of our art, have aided humanity's interest and well being: *nihil dico amplius.*