

good." If you live by the public you must also live for the public. It is incumbent on every practitioner of medicine to educate the people to pay due regard to the claims of hygiene. Here you have an opportunity to aspire to a reputation of disinterestedness. And although the due observance by the public of the laws of health must greatly conduce to the lessening of disease, and the consequent reduction of your income, you should bear in mind that you owe the public certain duties which, in proportion to the trust reposed in you, are not measurable by fee or reward.

If you be successful in establishing yourselves in fair practice, you might be tempted to work without relaxation from year to year, lest in your absence you should lose some of your best paying patients. The physician should, in justice to himself, take at least a month's holidays every year; for broken rest, tasteless meals, anxieties shorten life, and if the daily routine and drudgery of practice be uninterrupted, he must sooner or later suffer from impaired health, which will shorten the period of his usefulness.

You are leaving the University at a time when its Medical Faculty is about to enter on a new era in its history. It cannot be that you are wholly ignorant of the extent to which its educational work has been hampered, not only by lack of endowment, but also by the relentless opposition to its advancement evinced by many in this community. It is now more than likely that the recent affiliation of the Dental College of the Province of Quebec with the University of Bishop's College will, by securing the good will of the leading members of the Dental Profession in this city of Montreal, and by increasing the number of students attending special departments of our medical school, materially assist in promoting the prosperity of the Medical Faculty of the University.

It is our earnest hope that in your future career you will be true to yourselves and faithful to the interests of the medical profession. Your devotion to duty should be ideal. It is not always easy to rise to the highest level of professional duty, but it is desirable that young graduates should entertain an ideal of duty and endeavor to attain it.

In your dealings with members of the medical profession, put aside all petty jealousies and personal rivalries, but be friendly with and just to all co-workers in the field of medicine, irrespective of their nationality and of their university training; for medical science is of no special university, language or nationality. We would have you do your utmost to ennoble your profession, and,