

and diagnosis, you will find, is not to be accomplished by simple rule of thumb. In the words of a great modern poet let me impress upon you that

They see not clearest who see all things clear.

Thus it will be that if you observe carefully, considering each case by itself and using your own judgment, apart from what we have said, or X. has said, or Y. has said, though stimulated by these dicta, you will develop, and in the process of development you will discover that X. and Y. and we have oftentimes been mistaken. We have, it may be, told you much that is erroneous, but never mind. We have done our best according to the light that is in us, and if by our mistakes, as by our sound teaching, we have led you to think and to observe and to record, then through you advance is made and the world is the gainer.

Do not think that the giants of the past and the great ones of these latter days have accomplished everything and that there is no advance left for you to achieve. Ours is a progressive art. However small you may be and humble in your own conceit console yourselves: The dwarf perched on the giant's shoulder sees further and sees more than does the giant.

As of old our architype Hippocrates exclaimed in the fulness of his experience, "short is our life and our art is long."* You have much before you and little time in which to accomplish it. I will not detain you longer.

That you may fare well and through you others may be bettered, that you may earn for yourselves names of honour and of respect from those among whom you minister, that you may earn for McGill, your old Alma Mater, ever increasing reputation and a fame known *super æthera*, that is our earnest wish. On behalf of the Faculty I say to each one of you, VALE!

* I am a little dubious as to whether Hippocrates is rightly credited with the original of *ars longa, vita brevis*, for my authority is the "Life and Opinions of Tristram Shandy, Gentleman," vol. ii., chap. xxxiv. of the two volume edition, and during the last few days I have had no time to verify the statement. Yet if the Rev. Mr. Lawrence Sterne was apt to digress and be discursive, he was a fair scholar.