

of the world are upon you ; but, believe me, your studentship is not over ; it is but commencing ; you have, as it were, laid the foundation of the building ; from that foundation may you raise a superstructure of learning perfect in all its branches and honourable to your teachers. You will find your late instructors, friends ever ready and willing to give you a helping hand in all cases of danger or of difficulty. Remember always that their reputation, as well as your own, is at stake in the manner in which you perform your duties. During the four years hard study you have just completed you have had an opportunity of becoming intimately acquainted with the wisdom, order and method with which man, that noblest and most perfect of the great Creator's works, has been formed. Let this knowledge be a guide to you through life. Strive to be wise in your conversation, orderly in your conduct, and methodical in your habits. As you find from your studies, especially from your microscopical inquiries, that nothing has been so small or so unimportant as to have been overlooked in the scheme of man's creation, so I strongly urge you to consider nothing too minute or too insignificant for your observation and earnest inquiry. Through the medium of those wonderfully organized senses with which we are endowed, impressions are conveyed to our perceptive faculty ; from the observance and storing-up of these impressions or experiences, our mind is enabled to reduce chaos to order and recognize the laws which govern the universe.

Gentlemen, in the selection of a profession I hope you were not actuated by avaricious motives ; if so, you will be grievously disappointed. You, if successful, as I trust you will be, in the treatment of disease, will probably also be successful in a pecuniary sense ; but do not hope to lay up riches by the practice of your profession. If that be your expectation it were better you should retire from it now than hereafter experience disappointment. You will have to be at the beck and call of your fellow-man ; practice self-denial ; maybe you will have to listen even to abuse from the ignorant. You will be called upon to combat the prejudices, ignorance and uncontrolled passions of mankind ; to meet with difficulties, disappointments and, maybe, with defeat ; but, by knowledge and perseverance you will overcome the former, and by a consciousness of having performed your duty you will be able to bear the latter. In contending with the dangers which beset your pilgrimage you will frequently experience consolation and rewards which will yield you a pleasure beyond that arising from the mere receipt of money ; a pleasure of a more congenial and, certainly, more enduring kind. Often you will return home exhausted and dispirited, and without the hope of remuneration ;