

The recent generous and munificent gift of Mr. Cawthra Mulock, I hope, will stimulate some of our wealthy citizens to follow his example and give of their abundance. I trust Mr. Mulock may be spared for many years to see the fruits of his gift abundantly realized, for to no better cause could he devote his wealth than the furtherance of clinical research and the relief of the suffering poor.

I extend a most hearty and cordial welcome to those of you who have already been associated with us in the past, and also to those who for the first time appear here to-night. I should express the hope that the same devotion to study, which has in the past characterized the medical students of this University, will be fully maintained by the class of this session, and the mutual respect and good-will which has existed in the past between professors and students will continue, developing a kindly feeling and interest in each other. I can assure you, gentlemen, that you have no warmer friends or well-wishers for your future welfare than your professors. Long after you leave these halls your progress in life is watched, and your successful climbing up the professional ladder affords us both gratification and pleasure.

The science of medicine requires a wide and varied experience in other departments of knowledge; it is not enough for you to confine your studies to medical works alone; you ought to be well read in other subjects, or you are apt to become narrow in your views. The more time you can devote to other branches of science the better fitted will you become to understand the many complex subjects of medicine. The great aim of medicine is the prevention of disease, the preservation of health, and the cure of disease.

Medicine is one of the most difficult studies you can enter upon. To grasp fully all that has been written to-day on medicine is a task not lightly to be undertaken. It will require all your energies and determination to master, even in a most superficial manner, its very outlines; yet for all that it is one of the most interesting and attractive studies you could possibly select, and as you proceed step by step its attractiveness and beauty will gradually unfold itself to your mind.

The first year or two of the student's life is the most momentous time of his whole student career. If he wastes that time he can never recall the lost hours. If, on the other hand, he avails himself of the opportunities placed within his grasp, he lays a foundation which will ever prove invaluable to him; and when he passes from the class-room to the hospital wards he will never come out of them without having learnt something he never knew before. His future may be either a success or a failure; it rests with himself which it shall be. I