

physician, and whose surroundings are often dissimilar in every way from what he might be led to fancy they would be from studying only the narrower feature in laboratory research.

The importance of hospital attendance is of extreme value; here you will learn the habit of observation, and familiarize yourself with investigations into the diseased conditions of man. Clinical investigation at the bedside will give you confidence in yourself and enable you to investigate for yourself the various forms of diseases.

Reading and study is essentially necessary to acquire the knowledge of the causes and symptoms of disease, but clinical experience is still more necessary to enable you practically to apply that knowledge. The responsibility that rests on you as a practitioner is very great. To your care and skill will be entrusted many a valuable life, and if you should prove ignorant, incompetent, and not prompt and decisive in action, you may perhaps be the means of losing that life, of depriving a family of the love and care of a mother or father whose place can never be filled. If, on the other hand, you are competent, you will have the undying satisfaction, it may be, of snatching a life from the very jaws of death. What can be of more satisfaction to any man than such a reward? No pecuniary remuneration is equal to your own consciousness of the successful discharge of your duties. The grateful thanks of the poor man, who has only thanks to offer for your services, will be esteemed by you as of more value than the money of him who only values your services at so many dollars. The day you are enrolled as a member of the medical profession, that day your responsibilities begin. Until then you have scarcely known what responsibility means; and as you proceed in your professional career, responsibility continues to increase with your increasing work. You will some day realize the tremendous weight of this responsibility. When, for instance, you stand at the bedside of some stricken and dearly beloved member of a family who have called you in, and who have placed their whole trust and confidence in your skill. The stricken one may perhaps be the head of the family, the breadwinner, upon whose daily work depends the existence of a large family of helpless little ones; or it may be the dearly beloved mother, who has tended and toiled so hard for her children, and whose loss is irreparable to that young family, who wait and yearn for her recovery. Or, again, it may be a child, perhaps the only and dearly beloved child, for whom your ministrations are sought by the sorrowing parents, the going out of whose