

essential to the successful practice of that profession into which you have just entered.

In taking an affectionate leave of you we may be permitted to offer a few friendly suggestions and words of counsel, such as age, experience and an interest almost parental, may reasonably be supposed to warrant. Although the tie between us as teacher and pupil is this day severed, be sure that a continued and deep interest in your future welfare and advancement remains with each one of us, and very naturally so: for who has a prouder right to watch over her children than those to whom this University has confided the sacred trust of their education.

Allow me to record with emphasis, that in addition to the most praiseworthy assiduity, you have as a class, by unwearied good conduct, secured the respect and esteem of each member of this Faculty. For some years past a marked improvement in the ordinary deportment of the young men attending the classes of this University, has been a matter of public notice. While much of this noticeable change may be due to greater earnestness in the discharge of your duties as students, in the various branches of science, dwelt upon and taught within these walls, a larger field for the acquisition of knowledge, more earnest and actual work to be gone through, and an honourable rivalry for a prominent place amongst your fellows; yet, I must be allowed to attribute this salutary change to the principles of temperance in all things, and also, in a great measure, to total abstinence, which is carried out by the majority of our under-graduates.

I do not desire, gentlemen, to dwell on this subject, as I am aware that these principles have been inculcated by each one of us, and by many an example of total abstinence is carried out to the full. I should fail in my duty, however, in these parting words if I omitted to assure you that it is only by steady perseverance in the practice of those principles that you can hope to attain success in after life. A clear brain, an unclouded eye, a steady hand are at all times indispensable to the Medical Practitioner. He should be ever ready for any emergency, as at any time he may be placed in the most trying position, one