

ADDRESS

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Gentlemen,—Your professor, and my esteemed friend, Dr. Stewart, kindly invited me to give the opening lecture to his summer session clinical course on diseases of the nervous system. I consented to do so with great pleasure, because I know he will treat his subject from the standpoint of a physical scientist, the only point from which any of the diseases of the human frame can be treated scientifically.

Yesterday I received the *American Journal of Neurology and Psychiatry*, one of the best edited journals on this continent, which contains the valedictory address of the Hon. Wm. Barnes, past-President of the Society of Medical Jurisprudence and State Medicine, in which he says, reviewing the work of the past year :
" At the fifteenth regular meeting of the Society, held in May, 1884, Dr. Henry Howard of Montreal read a paper entitled
" *Why Lawyers and Doctors fail to agree*. Dr. Howard maintained that experimental philosophy was the only true basis upon which to found all jurisprudence--all medical jurisprudence, all education, and all social order ; and that physical science should be the beginning and ending of *all* education.
" If penal codes were based upon it, the criminal would be tried