

careful observation, diligent study, and earnest labor, so to advance in knowledge and skill as to make all the advantages which Providence has placed in our way, tend to the advancement of our specialty, that we may attain to that excellence which will not only return rich pecuniary benefits to ourselves, but confer lasting benefits upon the profession.

Another very important truth which we are liable to forget, but which it would be well for us to remember, is that in this world the unalterable law of nature proclaims that every human being, however exalted or humble his position in life may be, exerts an influence on the destiny of every individual with whom he comes in contact; whether we will or not, we make every one with whom we associate better or worse. As we go forth, therefore, gentlemen, to the active duties of life, to make for ourselves a name and a reputation, not only as professional men but as citizens, let us decide that in the homes where we dwell, in the social circles in which we move, in the community where we reside, in the nation which we are proud to call our own, our influence, be it great or small, shall ever be exerted on the side of right.

Accept, gentlemen of the Faculty, our grateful acknowledgment of your unwearied labor in the several departments which have been more immediately under your individual charge, to impart to us a thorough knowledge of our profession.

We trust that, however inattentive you may sometimes have thought us, you have not altogether been disappointed in the progress which we have made. We are conscious of not having profited to so great an extent by your painstaking and valuable instructions as greater application and more studious habits would have enabled us to do, but it is very gratifying to know that you have been able, we trust heartily, to sanction our entering upon the practice of dentistry. We accept it gratefully, and we hope, gentlemen, that our record in the future may in no wise disappoint your just and reasonable expectations concerning us. While the interesting and, we trust, mutually pleasant relation of teacher and student is now severed, we shall ever bear you in kindly remembrance, and shall always feel a lively interest in our Alma Mater.

Hoping that prosperity may continue to rest upon you, and upon the institution with which you are so honorably connected, we bid you a formal but affectionate farewell.