

minds that the knowledge received in the elementary classes cannot lose its value even when you have acquired perfect acquaintance with that taught in the more advanced or practical departments; but that through your future clinical career you will need the aid of that knowledge which formed the first steps of your professional improvement.

I had intended to have addressed to you some ethical remarks in regard to your feelings and deportment towards your patients and towards your brethren of the profession, as well as to point out as a duty to yourselves that you should cultivate your talents, and use the opportunities you will enjoy for your own improvement, which will then be sure to result in the desire and effort to add to the general stock of knowledge, but I forbear and shall conclude by congratulating you on the honorable position to which you have now attained, by hoping that the avenue this day opened to you may lead to a long course of usefulness to others, and of satisfaction and emulgence to yourselves.