

do not invariably present the same features, the same forms, as described in books, but, under the guide of some ruling principle, the true physician will be rarely found astray or at fault. In this School you have the amplest means of acquiring a thorough theoretical and practical acquaintance with the profession which you have chosen. It is our business to direct you in the path leading to results so desirable; and it is the height of our ambition to see the Graduates of this University scattered over the land, each "the bright particular star in his own firmament," sustaining in his own person the honor of the school, and reflecting the principles which it has been our happiness to inculcate.

I should wish, gentlemen, in conclusion, to say a few words on the best method of prosecuting your studies, because the knowledge acquired during this period of your lives will constitute the stock upon which your future excellence or eminence is to be based. Away from home, as many of you are, and for the first time, you are likely to be attracted from your studies by the winter gaieties of life abounding in this city. While far from wishing to deny you a moderate enjoyment of these—for the bow, continually bent, soon loses its elasticity—the principal object of your visit here is not to be forgotten. Prosecute your studies in the different branches which you may be following, with assiduity and regularity; and, above all, make it a point to devote some portion of the evening to what you have heard during the day, by careful perusal of your notes, and reading in some volume of authority the subjects which may have comprised the daily lectures here. I think it a most excellent plan to take notes of the lectures. These lectures are to be considered as a digest of the literature of the day upon the especial subject treated of, carefully made by the lecturer, and will therefore comprehend more than is usually met with in any work on the particular topic, unless in monographs which are commonly not accessible to every student. Hence, a volume of carefully-written notes