

intending to acquire a knowledge of the many and various branches of learning that compose the Medical curriculum. But while it may be admitted, that the study of the dead languages is as competent to impart mental training as the study of Mathematics and Natural Science, it may be fairly urged that much of the time that is usually spent upon Latin and Greek, might well be given, at least by youths intended for the Medical profession, to a more thorough study of Euclid, Algebra, Physics and Chemistry.

While the accuracy and felicity of expression secured by a classical training, is of extreme importance to members of the pulpit and the bar, the habits of severe reasoning and careful observation produced by the study of Mathematics and Natural Science are of primary importance to the members of our profession, the subjects of whose investigations demand above all others the exercise of the reasoning and observing faculties. Now while more or less attention is given to the various departments of Mathematics in the educational establishments of this country, the subjects of Natural Philosophy and Chemistry are seldom sufficiently insisted upon as important branches of general education; yet I am convinced that in the case of youths preparing for the study of Medicine, those subjects should form an important part of their preliminary training. So numerous and comprehensive are the purely medical subjects which the student of medicine must learn, that it is improvident and unwise to defer the study of Physics and Chemistry till the student, having passed his examination in the preliminary subjects of general education, begins his professional training.

In corroboration of these views, I am pleased to be able to adduce the following observations of Dr. Huxley, than whom upon such a subject perhaps few are more competent to speak authoritatively:—"The great step towards a thorough medical education is to insist upon the teaching of the elements of the physical sciences in all schools, so that medical students shall not go up to the Medical