

in that career starting with my Valedictory here in 1888 in which I strenuously advocated a separate Convocation for the Medical Faculty being too impatient to await the regular Convocation in my anxiety to get practising on a long suffering public, and running along through a few weary, lonesome, unsatisfactory months during which I had more than ample time to cogitate on what might have been had I made the good use I should of my opportunities for study when at college, terminating somewhat abruptly after four short years of practice in a final and complete separation between my profession and myself and which even to this distant date I cannot recall without some feelings akin to grief, knowing as I do that the fault was not my profession, but my own and feeling that had I but learned to know her better, and had I but been a little more considerate of her, and taken a little more kindly to her I might have gone on in her company happy all my life. Under these circumstances as I have said I was at a loss at first to understand why our worthy Principal should have asked me to come here to address the graduating class. It was not so very long however before I realized what must have been the real reason. When I recalled his versatility, his all roundness of character, and when I also remembered the honorable profession to which he belongs and the excellent use which that profession often makes of pictures of the darker side of life to point a moral as well as of the brighter sides of life for purposes of imitating I very soon realized that the main purpose of my presence here was to demonstrate from real life some of those things which ought not to be done if you wish to be successful in the practice of your profession. In other words I am intended as the horrible example to warn instead of the usual high standard to be emulated.

I must confess that this idea had not occurred to me when I accepted the invitation to be present, otherwise I fear I should have felt obliged to have declined rather than to have come and either failed of the good purpose for which my coming was intended or to have been compelled to lay bare some incidents of a peculiarly personal character, which, for my own peace of mind I might have preferred should have remained undisturbed along with other forgotten incidents of the past. Having however, agreed to come, and having—ever since my separation from my