

devoted, heroic physician. The physician engaged in the duties of his profession during the prevalence of a fatal epidemic, is a noble sight, and one that might engage the attention and command the admiration of beings superior to man. How the people, leaning on his every word, eagerly scan his countenance and bless him for his unwearied care. Danger past, however, his arduous and benevolent efforts are all forgotten, and if, perchance, he should have fallen a victim to over-exertion, a martyr to a conscientious discharge of his duties, his very memory fades in a few brief days from the recollection of those whose lives he has saved. No monumental marble is reared to stand the record of a people's sorrow for his death; no "storied urn" tells of his acts of bravery and untimely end; the historian's pen hands not his name down to posterity. Such is the ingratitude of man and such is his estimate of *true heroism*. When occasion demands, gentlemen, that you should expose your lives for the purpose of giving relief to diseased and suffering humanity, I am confident that you will not be found wanting, and that the fearlessness with which at all times the members of your profession have confronted death in some of its most revolting forms will be emulated by each one of you. "He who gives himself to the study and work of medicine," says the great and good Sydenham, "ought seriously to ponder on this thing: that as he is himself not exempted from the common lot, and is liable and exposed to the same laws of mortality, the same miseries and pains as are all the rest, so he may endeavour the more diligently and with a more tender affection, as being himself a fellow sufferer, to help them who are sick."

In all your relations of life *be true and loyal*. Truth and loyalty are two great characteristics of the gentleman, by which term I do not mean the conventional gentleman, who may be defined simply, a unit of the male sex, well dressed and with nothing particular to do; but that man of sterling worth, who may be met with in every rank of life, whose heart vibrates towards truth as constantly and as naturally as the needle towards the north pole, to whom a mean and unworthy action is simply impossible because of his innate nobleness of character, and of whom it may be said in the truest sense of the terms *noblesse oblige*.