

mourned by hundreds of successful practitioners. To know him was to love him ; to know him was a liberal education. George Ross has gone, but he has left an unsullied name behind him. Such lives are like "rays of sunlight which gladden the world while they shine, but leave it dark and chilly when they depart. Oh! for an art in the moral sphere, equivalent to that of the photographer in the material, whereby we might seize and fix and perpetuate those rarer rays which stream through the mass of human history like veins of feldspar in a quarry." Take such examples and let your ambition be fired and your enthusiasm be rekindled as you read and think of such great men.

"Lives of great men oft remind us  
We can make our lives sublime,  
And departing leave behind us  
Footprints in the sand of time."

You are now going forth to fight disease and death. Remember that prevention is better than cure. One of your great duties will be to try and prevent disease. "To what extent the prevention of disease, the prolongation of life and the improvement of the physical and mental powers may be carried, we do not know. Yet, that the average length of human life may be very much extended and its physical powers greatly augmented ; that in every year in this commonwealth thousands of lives are lost which might have been saved ; that tens of thousands of cases of sickness occur which might have been prevented ; that a vast amount of unnecessarily impaired health and physical debility exists among those not confined by sickness ; that these preventable evils require an enormous expenditure and loss of money, and impose on the people unnumbered and immeasurable calamities, pecuniary, social, physical, mental and moral which might have been avoided ; that means exist within our reach for their mitigation or removal, and that measures for prevention

will effect more than remedies for the cure of disease, will probably be admitted by everyone who has carefully studied the subject."

"Disease and death are parts of the plan of creation," so says Cathell. Disease daily afflicts millions of earth's children in every clime, while death on his pale horse is busy from pole to pole. Fear of the former and dread of the latter are parts of human nature, and these (fear and dread) cause mankind everywhere to employ physicians: the prince in his palace, the peasant in his cottage and the beggar in his hovel ; the citizen in his mansion, the laborer in his shanty and the felon in his dungeon ; the millionaire and the penniless ; the prince and the conqueror ; the lord and the serf ; the sailor on the pathless ocean and the soldier on the tented field ; the purple of authority, the ermine of rank and the rags of squalor ; the man of religion, the man of law, and the man of science ; the Christian, the Jew and the Pagan ; the pale-faced Caucasian, the painted Feejee and the oily savage on the burning plains of Africa ; the tattooed, naked, fierce and brutal New Zealander and the sinewy savage of our own far West ; those in the blood-chilling Arctic regions and those in the pestilential swamps and jungles of the tropics ; man, man, man ! sick and suffering man everywhere turns to our guild for relief. Yea, we stand at the gates of life as humanity enters the world, and at the gates of death as it goes out of it. And the children of Adam everywhere at noon and midnight, from helpless infancy to old age, in dread of the sick bed and death bed, the hearse and the grave, turn their eyes and their hearts to the physician whenever sickness seizes or death threatens to hurl the spear which strikes but once.

Bear therefore the greatness of your trust and the responsibility of your almost divine mission. Remember at all times