Helmholtz, Virchow, Koch, Lister, Jos. Leidy, would need defence against the charge of being unscientific. But one more thought and I have done.

The medical profession has demonstrated the peril to health of unwholesome water and noxious surroundings, and yet much remains to be done to protect our people against these dangers.

The profession has established a code of ethics condemning quackery and charlatanism in every form, still many of these people pursue their practices unmolested.

I need hardly say that such evils are allowed to exist by reason of an insufficiency of our civic laws or to a laxity in enforcing them.

And now, dear professors, the hour is at hand when we must say farewell.

But whatever be our walks in life we shall always try to remember and to profit by the lessons you have taught us, and shall always endeavor to maintain the high standing of our faculty and the honor of our *Alma Mater*. And when the day of final reckoning has arrived and we stand before that great tribunal before which all men's actions are judged, we feel sure that the life work of class 99 will redound to the credit of you, our preceptors, and to the glorification of our Creator.

Selected Article.

THE CONDUCT OF THE HEART IN THE FACE OF DIFFICULTIES.*

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I should like the Society to understand that I am in no way responsible for the title of this communication, but that I accepted it at your dictation. There are appeals more imperative than commands. Such was yours when, as an old pupil become president of this Society, you requested me to read a paper on the conduct of the heart in the face of difficulties. I was bound to obey, but I ventured to point out

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