

surgery, and see what brilliant results have been accomplished by the skilful surgeon, how through his efforts many obscure diseases of the hidden organs of the body have been made clear and operations successfully performed which have been the means of saving many lives, in cases, which only a few years ago, would have been regarded as hopeless.

Consider the physician of the present day and how infinitely superior are his methods of diagnosing and treating diseases than those formerly accepted. Think what opportunities have been afforded you by the more recent advances of medicine, such as the certainty of recognising tuberculosis in its incipient stage, of treating malaria more intelligently, and of having methods (so recently elaborated by one of your teachers) at your disposal, of diagnosing typhoid fever in its earliest stages. It is owing to the untiring work of the bacteriologist that we have placed in our hands such means of so successfully treating our cases.

What grander work of the last two years has been accomplished than that of the bacteriologist in giving to us a means wherewith to battle more effectually than ever against a disease so dreaded and so awful in its results as diphtheria. The introduction of antitoxin therefore makes another mark in the progress of medicine.

It is our privilege and yours to reap the benefit of and to carry on the grand work accomplished by the many faithful workers in the field of medicine and surgery, and to apply their results, now no longer on their trial, but proved and accepted, to the welfare of patients entrusted to our care. Be not contented to rest here upon the labour of others; strive by your own endeavours to further the advance of science, and in doing so pursue your researches, in that field for which by your inclinations and qualifications you are best suited.

In conclusion, Gentlemen, I would ask you to remember always the nobility of your profession and let your just appreciation of its high standard be demonstrated in the honesty and faithfulness of your work. Consider the benevolence of its aim, the elevating character of its studies, in the pursuit of which all the best faculties of our nature are called into action. Let it be your ambition to excel in it, fearlessly encountering the difficulties it presents. Strengthen yourselves both mentally and morally by the discipline it affords in patient and sustained labour, and press forward in your new career with all diligence, not with a vain-glorious spirit, aspiring to out-do your fellows, but rather with a desire to bring honour upon your profession.