

itself embraces most of the laws of Natural Philosophy. This reminds me that many in this Province believe that Philosophy should form a part of the primary education of the medical student. I also am of that opinion, and hope you gentlemen will use your influence in that direction. Let it not, however, be a scholastic philosophy such as that in which for quite three hundred years engaged the attention of the learned men of the principal universities of Europe during the mediæval ages: where chief theme was the Aristotilian and Platonian views of the universe. Let it rather be a philosophy better adapted to the enlightened age in which we live; the philosophy of a Gallileo, Harvey, Newton, Darwin, a Pasteur, Koch—a philosophy which teaches us that Nature is subject to certain fixed laws; that so far as these laws are concerned she never errs; that those laws prevail just as certainly in the animal body as apart from it, and that the infringement of these laws result in disaster. In after-years besides finding this scientific work of great benefit to you, it will become a pleasant relief from your other occupations. Nor is it at all necessary that you should live in a large city in order to be able to engage in it. No matter how remote the country place in which you may fix your lot, you will find many methods of contributing your quota to the progressive side of medicine, if only so disposed. Koch, whose name and fame sprung into existence only eight or nine years ago, was an obscure country physician, who plodded with his microscope and in experimental pathology, in a small German town. To-day he holds one of the highest and most honorable appointments in the German empire, and his name is known throughout the civilized world. It was steady, laborious work on the part of the late lamented Cohnheim that led him, by a process of reasoning and deduction, from his observations, to foretell “in the not very distant future,” to use his own words, the specific bacteria of tuberculosis, the discovery of which a couple of years later, has immortalized Koch, to whom I have just referred.

Remember, gentlemen, that the man who leads the ranks of mankind is not he who has soared above his fellow creatures in