

Endeavour to enlarge your knowledge of general pathology and of those departments of medical science which you may have had but little opportunity of becoming acquainted with at college.

Read, also, some of the leading periodicals regularly. In no other way can you hope to keep nearly abreast of the knowledge of the day. So numerous and so industrious are the workers in the medical and other sciences in our time, that new facts and opinions are being daily announced, and the newest book upon any subject scarcely contains the latest contributions to that subject. Study, also, *living men*—masters in the science or art of medicine. Such of you as can afford to visit the celebrated schools of Europe should do so. Sufficiently informed as you now are to be cognizant of what you most need to further fit you for the great work of your lives, you cannot fail to profit much from mental contact and intercourse with the great teachers and practitioners to be found in the centres of learning in Europe. Apart from the higher estimate of the nobility of our calling and of the capabilities of our art—apart from the aspirations that must arise and the resolutions that must be enkindled within you by the daily example and instruction of such men, the opportunities afforded at these renowned centres of studying special departments of practical medicine under highly qualified experts cannot be over-estimated. It is a privilege, moreover, not to be lightly esteemed, to study disease or its treatment under a Jenner, a Paget, a Lister, a Hutchinson, a Wilks, a Jaccoud, a Péan, a Charcot, a Virchow, a Cohnheim, a Traube, a Frerichs. Whatever your motives may have been in selecting the practice of medicine as your life employment, you are to be congratulated on having the good fortune to join the medical profession at the present time. The investigating spirit of the age is as active in medical as in any other department of science, and she never had as many able and earnest votaries in her ranks endeavouring to solve the when, the why, and the how of physiological and pathological life, and the prevention and cure of disease. And this unceasing searching after light has been eminently successful in contributing new and valuable facts, and often quite unexpected revelations in most of the branches of medical science