

future of such success that you will never regret your choice of callings. The more one learns about dentistry the more one wants to learn, and I have this message for your encouragement, that there never was a time so propitious as the present for the development of new ideas and new advances in the profession. Numberless questions in dental science are clamoring to-day for further light, and it would sometimes seem that, with all the progress of the past, we had merely reached the outer vestibule of the tabernacle, and had before us yet the unrevealed treasures of the main edifice. May it be yours to help open up some of these treasures and reveal them to the world of thought.

And now just one word in conclusion. I cannot allow this occasion to pass without extending to you my hearty congratulations upon the auspices under which you are entering the profession. I have a warm place in my heart for the institution which, in future, you are to call your Alma Mater. It was from under its motherly wing that I first fledged forth a dental offspring, and I have never ceased to take an active interest in its welfare. Years ago I sat where you sit to-night tasting the first fruits of accomplishment. I had the honor of listening to some of the same teachers that you have listened to, and I hold those teachers in greater reverence to-day than it is possible for any of you to experience without the mellowness of the receding years. I extend to them to-night my sincere and heartfelt thanks for what they did for me in the days gone by.

To you, who are my professional brothers in more senses than one, I come with the warmest sentiments of true fraternal greeting. It is my earnest wish that you may each and every one attain to eminence in the profession, and thus fulfil what I should be pleased to believe as your manifest destiny. You are under a solemn obligation to do the best that in you lies, at all times, and under all conditions. You owe this to yourselves, to your Alma Mater, to your profession, and, above all else, you owe it to the people who place themselves in your professional care.

May you have that success in life which sweetens toil, and lends a fragrance to the stoniest uphill path. May your measure of attainment be meted out to you sufficiently early in life that you shall develop a healthy ambition to carry you over the discouragements of maturer years. May your whole life be well rounded out and happy, and when the final summons comes to you as it comes to all, may it be yours to know that you have left the record of a life, which, however humble, has been of service to your fellow-man.

I bid you "All hail!" and "bon voyage!"