

THE COMPLETE PHYSICIAN*

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"To each Athene and Apollo give some gift and each is worthy
in his place, but to this child they have given an honour
beyond all honours, to cure while others kill."

It is right and fitting that some formality be associated with the entrance of the man into the direct preparation for his life's work—that the novice in medicine should not simply signalize his entrance into medical life by a humdrum and utterly commonplace visit to the University Registrar and a commercial transaction over the counter, but that he should participate in a ceremony which, however simple in its form, is, nevertheless, in its essence an initiation. This evening your Professors and the Faculty of Medicine formally but none the less sincerely welcome you. This evening formally you enter upon your novitiate in medicine—to-day marks the beginning of your life-work as members, even if junior members, of that well wishing band of those who devote their lives to the care of the sick and the maimed, to the prevention of disease and the raising of the standard of health, efficiency and happiness in the community.

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Happily there is at hand a text—or rather a whole bible—whereon to base my remarks. Indeed I do not doubt but that from one end to the other of this continent the inaugural lectures of the medical schools are this year being based upon this one document. I refer, of course, to the recently published report of the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching upon "Medical Education in the United States and Canada." It is a work that is extraordinarily full of meat and so frank and fearless in its criticism of the various schools of medicine and their methods, or want of method, that action for libel has already been taken against its authors in more than one quarter and others promise to follow. It has stirred up the profession on this continent in diverse ways, but more particularly to realization of the ideals of medical training, of the possibilities and of present defects, to an extent that no individual man or association or plan of campaign has ever accomplished.

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What ideals, in the first place, should you have before you? What should be your estimate of the complete physician? What,

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