

able medical journals. Your work may be criticised, but do not let that discourage you, but rather incite you to better things.

Seek opportunities to visit your Alma Mater, and the various hospitals where you will, and to come in contact with men of experience in the professional world. The interchange of ideas will tend to broaden your mind and will keep you from falling into a hum-drum way of doing your work. Medicine is a progressive science, and to be successful practitioners, you must keep abreast of the times. To those of your *confrères* who are in good standing, be ever ready to extend the hand of good fellowship. Be considerate of their errors of diagnosis, and do not seek to make capital out of it to suit your own ends. When attending cases which present unusual symptoms, and which baffle your skill, do not hesitate to seek further advice, it will lessen your responsibility and will be of benefit to the patient. This will not in anyway depreciate your standing in his eyes, but will rather strengthen your position.

In all your actions be manly and straightforward.

"To thine own self be true,

"And it must follow as the night the day

"Thou can'st not then be false to any man."

Let not those of you who are the first in the class think that your qualifications are greater than those who have been less fortunate, or that your gifts entitle you to greater success in after life than the rest. It is not always the most brilliant student who makes the most successful practitioner. The so-called "plodding" and slow student often has qualities hidden through the pressure of studies during his college course, which will shine only when opportunities present themselves, and often enable him to outstrip his more brilliant college friend. But whatever has been the success of each of you, let me caution you against making an improper use of such qualifications.

Do not think that with the closing of to-day's functions our interest in your welfare ceases; it goes forth with you as you leave this hall, and ever will continue through your career.

Do not let the knowledge you have acquired within the prescribed time of the college course lead you to imagine that you have exhausted the science of medicine. There is no greater stumbling block on the road to learning than self-satisfaction. Strive therefore to increase the store of knowledge you now have, by continuous study and practical work, and your labour will not be in vain.

You may congratulate yourselves upon graduating at this present period in the history of medicine and surgery, for no era has been marked by greater progress and advancement. Look into the field of