

minds that the knowledge received in the elementary classes cannot lose its value even when you have acquired perfect acquaintance with that taught in the more advanced or practical departments ; but that through your future clinical career you will need the aid of that knowledge which formed the first steps of your professional improvement.

I had intended to have addressed to you some ethical remarks in regard to your feelings and deportment towards your patients and towards your brethren of the profession, as well as to point out as a duty to yourselves that you should cultivate your talents, and use the opportunities you will enjoy for your own improvement, which will then be sure to result in the desire and effort to add to the general stock of knowledge, but I forbear and shall conclude by congratulating you on the honorable position to which you have now attained, and by hoping that the avenue this day opened to you may lead to a long course of usefulness to others, and of satisfaction and eminence to yourselves.

Montreal, May, 1854.

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#### ART. II.—BATTLE OF VITTORIA ;

*A Sunday's Professional Work during the Peninsular War.* By Dr. HENRY, Inspector General of Hospitals.

As war has again broken out in Europe, and sanguinary engagements in which British troops will probably take a leading part, may be soon expected in Turkey, it may interest the readers of the Medical Chronicle to learn how army surgeons are employed on such occasions ; and to look on a great battle in a professional aspect.

The following communication has been condensed from a journal kept by the writer, during the last four years of the Peninsular War. He was then Assistant Surgeon of the 66th Regiment, and during the campaign of 1813 was detached temporarily from that corps, and ordered to assist his friend, Staff Surgeon Wasdell, who had medical charge of the second division of the British Army.

Montreal, May 3, 1854.

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After a long march from the frontiers of Portugal, during which the French army had retreated in all directions before the Allied forces, it at last made a stand near the city of Vittoria, under King Joseph and Marshal Jourdan ; and we halted on Saturday morning, the 20th June, 1813. During this day Lord Wellington closely reconnoitred the enemy's position, and made his arrangements to attack it on the following