

substances and their compounds, but with their manifold applications to medicine, and the detection of poisons, to agriculture, and numberless useful arts and manufactures. In Metaphysics, and Mental and Moral science, while he traverses the wild fields of psychology, and ethics, and systems and schools of philosophy, he will learn, from the study of the faculties of the mind, the means of the improvement of his own, and, from that of the moral sense, motives for following after whatsoever things, are just and pure, and true, and rules for the conduct of his own life.

Such are the objects never to be dissociated from each other which the student in arts has to pursue. It may seem, that I have placed the standard of attainment too high, but these are the aims which he ought to set before himself, altho' they may be far from being ever completely reached. The combination of the assiduous study of the elements of literature and science with that of their various and interesting applications will greatly promote his pleasure and success in his labours. The dryness of grammatical and technical details; and abstract reasoning; will be relieved of their irksomeness by the consideration of their profitable adaptations, while the application of fundamental principles to practical cases will tend to make his knowledge of them less superficial, to penetrate and imbue his mind more deeply, and fit him for engaging to far greater advantage in the future studies, and work of his profession.

It only remains, in conclusion, to express the pleasure which the Professors feel in meeting with you, gentlemen, former and intending Students, on this occasion, and to the prospect of our intercourse with you during the ensuing session, and the hope that such intercourse will be as agreeable as in former years. Be assured, that it will be our anxious endeavour, with God's blessing, to render your attendance at the University profitable and pleasant to you all, and by all the means in our power to prepare you for that usefulness and eminence in after life, which will reflect credit on your Alma Mater, and be our highest reward for our exertions to attain so desirable a result.