

tive system. It was remarked by Dr. Samuel Johnson, and few that have felt the pain he refers to will be inclined to disagree with him :—" that a sudden pang of the tooth-ache would render a man utterly indifferent to the most sublime strains of poetry, put to flight the most subtle train of metaphysical reasoning, and cause him to turn away from the most beautiful spectacle."

The great essential for success, then, in this as in any other study, is *work*—steady, well arranged, persistent work. A knowledge of medicine does not come to any man intuitively. There are no heaven-born physicians. Be constant in your attendance on the different lectures and weekly examinations, and while in the class room let your whole time be devoted to listening to and taking notes of the lectures. You can certainly make your mark in a far more honorable way than with a penknife on a deal board.

" Reading," says Bacon, " maketh a full man "; and superficial indeed would be your knowledge of your profession did you not read carefully and thoughtfully standard books on the different subjects taught in the lecture room. But above all, do not neglect hospital attendance. Clinical study is peculiarly adapted to give you just ideas of the physiognomy, nature and treatment of disease. It will induct you into habits of rigid observation and familiarize you with investigations into diseased conditions. You will thus be prepared to enter on active practice with a confidence which will be exactly proportioned to the attention you may have bestowed on clinical investigations and bed-side studies. By reading and by attendance on lectures you may certainly acquire a very fair knowledge of what has been written on the pathology, causes, symptoms and treatment of disease ; but if you neglect the opportunity which a hospital affords of practically applying and testing that knowledge at the bed-side, you will seriously compromise your chances of ever becoming accomplished and safe practitioners of the art of medicine. For in the wards of a hospital you meet with disease as it really manifests itself, not usually exhibit-