

Further, you have been fortunate in coming to us when our laboratories were about completed, and the facilities for practical teaching in our hospitals more than doubled.

Every one of you will then quickly take his place in that procession of able, earnest men who are striving by every means available to emancipate our profession from that bondage of imperfect theories and traditional practice which has resulted in such disastrous consequences in times gone by.

The profession you follow is second to none in usefulness, although the duties devolving upon you as members thereof are certain to be arduous and responsible. There is no profession or following which so tends to elevate and refine its followers and to make them examples of good to all men. Your future will, however, depend very much on the exercise of those qualities which are so essential to success in every walk of life. Industry, energy, integrity, and temperance in all things, are qualities which must form at least part of the foundation, if it be your ambition to build a lasting superstructure. Without these your efforts will come to naught, but possessing them, and armed with the knowledge of the principles of your profession which you have gained here, you may confidently expect to achieve a position alike creditable to your teachers, honourable to yourselves, and useful to society.

It has been customary, on occasions of this kind, to make a rather lengthened reference to the ethics of the profession; but as you have had opportunities of hearing, during the course of study, several admirable addresses on this and allied topics from members of the Faculty, I shall take it for granted that you are ready even now to exhibit that proper professional pride and dignity so characteristic of the true physician. Besides, you have ready access to the many codes which now guide the conduct of the profession in this and almost every other country. But a brief reference to one or two points in this connection may not be out of place.

So far as your relations with a confrere are concerned, above all things be charitable—be honourable. Think not of evil, far less express it. While in your keeping, guard sacredly his good name. When occasion offers, share loyally with him the responsibilities so often overpowering, and the like of which no other profession or business can ever experience. Whatever reputation you win, let it be by fair and open competition. Misunderstandings constantly arise, owing to the lack of appreciation of our code by the patients themselves. For this reason you will have to be ever on the alert.

In your intercourse with your patients generally, be kind and forbearing. Cultivate gentleness of manner. There are few occasions on which you may not assume a cheerful, hopeful, and self-reliant bearing,