

chant to follow the examples of those in the Republic to the south of us, and in his private beneficence give some character and feature to a country growing prematurely old by the consumption of its crude material. The recent generous and munificent gift of Mr. Cawthra-Mulock, I hope will stimulate some of your wealthy citizens to follow his example and give of their abundance. I trust Mr. Mulock may be spared for many years to come, to see the fruits of his gift abundantly realized, for to no better cause could he devote his wealth than the furtherance of clinical research and the relief of the suffering poor.

To those of you who have already been associated with us in the past I extend a most hearty and cordial welcome, and also to those who for the first time appear here to-night. I would express the hope that the same devotion to study, which has in the past characterized the medical students of this University, will be fully maintained by the class of this session, and the mutual respect and good-will which has existed in the past between professors and students will continue, developing a kindly feeling and interest in each other. I can assure you, gentlemen, that you have no warmer friends or well-wishers for your future welfare than your professors. Long after you leave these halls your progress in life is watched and your successful climbing up the professional ladder affords us both gratification and pleasure.

The science of medicine requires a wide and varied experience in other departments of knowledge; it is not enough for you to confine your studies to medical works alone, you ought to be well read in other subjects or you are apt to become narrow in your views. The more time you can devote to other branches of science the better fitted will you become to understand the many complex subjects of medicine. The great aim of medicine is the prevention of disease, the preservation of health, and the cure of disease.

Medicine is one of the most difficult studies you can enter upon. To grasp fully all that has been written to-day on medicine is a task not lightly to be entered upon. It will require all your energies and determination to master even in a most superficial manner its very outlines; yet for all that it is one of the most interesting and attractive studies you could possibly select, and as you proceed step by step its attractiveness and beauty will gradually unfold itself to your mind, and what to-day appears to you as being quite beyond your grasp, you will in time be able to know and appreciate. The elementary