

and progress, and no science is making greater strides than Medicine; then advance with the times, acquaint yourselves with the work of others by reading books and monographs and medical journals. Life is short; select the best and study them well. Be systematic, and carefully improve your time. Time is often said to be money; but, as Sir John Lubbock says, "it is more—it is life; and yet many who would cling desperately to life think nothing of wasting time."

Now that you have graduated, you will of course be looking around you for a place to settle in. Don't be in a hurry. Settle, if you can, in a growing place, some place where you will permanently locate and grow with the place. If you move too often it will seriously interfere with your prosperity and advancement.

Some of you will doubtless settle down in the quiet retirement of country life, far from the ignoble strife and worrying cares of city life, and there in peace and plenty along the cool sequestered vale of life pursue the even tenor of your way and do a good and noble and useful work.

Some of you may make your home in some ambitious village which your foresight sees in years to come a thriving town and busy city where you shall be looked upon as the old and leading practitioner.

Some of you may at once launch out in the busy mart and great city. But wherever you settle, be it in the quiet country the ambitious village, or the great city, if you would succeed and I would say here start out on your career with the determination that you must and will succeed—I say if you would succeed you must commence by being painstaking and earnest students. And "whatever your hands find to do, to do it with your might." Life is made up of a mass of little things, but the way to succeed is by attention to the apparently trivial things and doing them well.

Be always neat and tidy, People do

not like an untidy doctor. And always act the gentleman. Am I going too far when I say it will be to your advantage to be total abstainers? I think not. You will be physically, mentally and morally better. If at the commencement of your career you are thought to be a drinking man, mark my words, it will act as a brake to your success, and it will very materially interfere with your progress. Nor is this mere sentiment. Many a young man, whose bark like yours has started out with flying colors, has been sadly wrecked on the rock of intemperance, and his life has been to him and to his friends worse than a failure.

When you locate, try and get near a corner when you can. Don't start in a back street and hide your light under a bushel. Have a neat and tidy office. You will find that this will pay. Show people that it is the office of a real hard worker and that of a man who is first and last and always a physician.

In your conduct with your confrères be always straightforward and honest. At the outset of your career you might make a few more dollars by being unprofessional but remember that life is ahead of you—and, I trust, a long one; remember that the kindly feelings and the respect of your confrères is worth more than a few extra dollars that might be in your pocket. I you are earnest and industrious men you can all gain practices in a legitimate way. Your talents will be appreciated some day. Don't feel disappointed at the rebuffs and snubs you will occasionally meet with. Some people would not have Dr. So-and-So to doctor their cat. Others would not have Dr. So-and-So; he is a mere boy. Don't fret or be discouraged, you are remedying these things fast every day. Live down the snubs and rebuffs. Some day you may yet be the respected friend and physician of that same family, and your advice and counsel may be sought after by your confrères who may now pass by on the other side.