A HALF CENTURY OF AMERICAN MEDICINE

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A permanent secretary, a hard working man, a man of the highest moral character who has been a benefactor of medical science. It is an honor to congratulate you on your past achievements and to wish you ever greater achievements in the future.

The early history of the Louisville Medical School is an integral part of the history of the American frontier and the winning of the West. Abler and better-informed writers have recorded the beginnings of the school, brought it into relation with Transylvania University, from which the first nucleus of its faculties came, and followed its later vicissitudes. The school was an important link in that historical chain of peripatetic schools which, before the middle of the last century, attracted the experienced physicians and surgeons of the day who wandered up and down the country from east to west, doing their part, and a very significant part, in subduing the wilderness.

It is a pleasure and an inspiration to recall some of the remarkable men who taught here, among whom were Daniel Drake, Samuel D. Gross, Austin Flint, Elisha...
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