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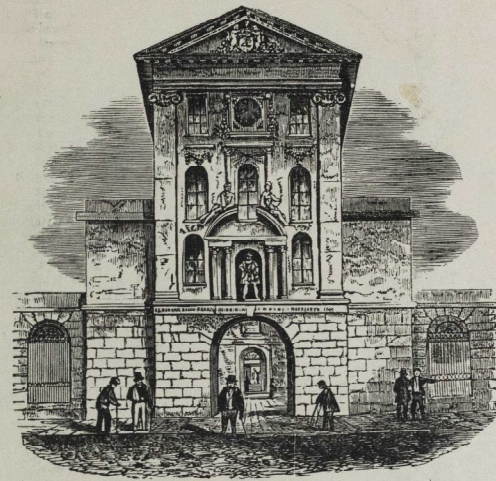
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Servare mentem."—Horace, Book ii, Ode iii.



WITH the October number it is customary to announce a title-page which may be gleaned by reading the face-page, namely, that a new volume has begun. For we recognise that October is indeed the dawn of the year, and are not deceived by the conventions of the almanack. Readers of J. K. Stephen will remember how admirably he expresses this idea in his swan song, "Quo Musa Tendis?"

"For I take it the end of the Long Vacation

Is really the season, by light of reason,  
Which ought and does to the wise appear  
The Dawn of the Year.

"Years die in July, and are dead till September;  
By the first of October the New Year's born,  
It's a sturdy infant in mid-December,  
And teaches its prime some April morn;

Hot and weary in June, it must perish soon,  
It's working too hard; it will break—but here  
Is the Dawn of the Year.

"So back to work in the London streets,  
Or college courts, or clamorous schools;  
We have tasted and dwelt on the passing sweets  
Of sunlit leisure: resume your tools,  
Get back to your labours, my excellent neighbours,  
And greet with a spirit that work can cheer  
The Dawn of the Year."

It is customary also with many of our contemporaries to proffer much good advice to the freshmen on this occasion. We will refrain, however, knowing full well that no man ever benefited by second-hand experience, and confine ourselves to extending them a hearty welcome to Bart.'s.

The first of October sees not only the inroad of new students, but the induction of a new Junior Staff. And to those who have just come on as juniors we offer congratulations mingled with sympathy, regarding them as less favoured than those who begin their duties in April. The latter have the advantage of being able to live out of the Hospital during the summer months, while those who are non-resident now have, in spite of delays from fog and rain, to find their way to the surgery promptly at nine o'clock. And the value of having every Sunday free from work is obviously not the same in winter as in summer. Then when the present junior becomes senior in the summer months he still finds himself at a disadvantage. The beds at his disposal are seriously curtailed for three out of his six months' residence during the annual closing of one of the wings, and the routine of the wards is somewhat disturbed by the constant changes resulting from the well-earned holidays of his "chief," his sisters and dressers or clerks, while he must toil on with but brief respite.

These grievances seem to us to press more hardly on the House Surgeons than on the House Physicians. For the latter are appointed every six months, and whether a man comes on in April or October is largely the fortune of war. But the House Surgeons are nominated annually, and the one that secures the senior nomination comes on in October, and experiences the hardships we have enumerated. His junior appears to us to be the more fortunately situated of the two.