degree of knowledge obtained, while engaged in your studies. The mere circumstance of obtaining the degree of Doctor of Medicine is a matter of very trivial importance when compared with a thoroughly scientific education; and the fame of the profession is deservedly lost in its utility & success. Hence you will plainly infer the wishes of the Board that your time may be most diligently employed in the acquisition of such knowledge as may be rather useful than ornamental. The propriety of mastering each particular branch of the science before you proceed to the next in order will be obvious to your own mind, and will doubtless receive your special attention.

However deeply the Board may feel in regard to your intellectual improvement, they would do injustice to the relation which they sustain to you if they should fail to impress upon your consideration, a due regard to morals and religion. Your early education in the bosom of a pious family has no doubt left an appropriate impression upon your mind, of the value to be attached to virtue and religion over the opposite qualities of the heart. Will you study to improve on these amiable and useful principles in reference to the benign influence which they cannot fail to exert on your personal happiness, regarding them also as of inestimable value in discharging the duties of your profession; which more than any other, except the Gospel ministry, demands the exercise of piety?

In regard to your general deportment to all classes of society your residence both in Africa and in this country, cannot fail to have taught you, that prudence and circumspection are particularly needed in the present excited state of the public mind, in regard to the African race. You must not forget for a moment, that you are an African in America; and in that relation, whatever may be your sense of equality with your fellow men, remember, it will be dangerous to show it.

In your expenditure of Money, the strictest economy must be regarded. Make it a matter of conscience to do with as little assistance as possible. It is not the wish of the Board to restrict you to a parsimonious course of living; but that you should never lose sight of the fact that the whole scheme of Colonization is founded on benevolence, and must be accompanied with self denial. What is saved from the expense of your education will in some other way advance the great enterprise to be pursued, favored, Africa.

The Board wish you to keep a regular and exact account of receipts and expenditures, showing the manner in which the funds remitted you have been applied, distinguishing between personal expenditures, and the charges for Board, tuition &c. Of this acct. you will make a fair copy, and send it to the Board at the end of each quarter. They are also desirous that you obtain from the professors of the University such testimonials of character, conduct, habits of study, and progressive improvement as they may feel willing to bestow, and forward them semiannually. This method is adopted to supply as far as practicable, the want of personal supervision, and to satisfy the Society which they represent that their benevolence is not misapplied. —

As the Board cannot but feel deeply interested in your welfare, you are invited to a free and Universal correspondence with them. On the other hand, they will keep you advised of their wishes in regard to your future course.

Wishing that the blessings of Divine Providence may attend you, in all your lawful

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