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## VALEDICTORY ADDRESS TO THE GRADUATING CLASS.

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GENTLEMEN GRADUATES IN MEDICINE,—It is my agreeable duty to give expression to the final words which the Medical Faculty of this University wish to say to you after a four years' relationship of teacher and pupil. Would that I were capable of saying something worthy of them and of you. And first let me congratulate you upon having this day attained the just reward of your diligence and application—the degree in Medicine of this University. What it represents of work in the lecture-room, in the dissecting-room, in the laboratory, in the wards of the hospitals, and in your own chambers, is known best to yourselves and to your teachers. In the pleasure you are now deriving from a retrospect of the work you have done as undergraduates, your teachers heartily participate, and are glad publicly to testify to the character as well as to the amount of the work performed. Need I remind you that notwithstanding the testamur of your *Alma Mater* just given as to your fitness to practise the medical art, your studies are not completed—they are only well begun. I admit that the medical graduate of the present day has a more general and extensive acquaintance with the several departments of knowledge that appertain to medical science than his predecessors of 20 or 30 years ago. Nevertheless, he has but laid