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GENTLEMEN OF THE FACULTY,—The duty of delivering the introductory lecture has this year fallen to my lot, and however opinions may differ as to the necessity or advisability of beginning the session with such an address, there can be no doubt of this—that it affords an opportunity, rarely given, of offering to the assembled students words of welcome, advice and encouragement—an opportunity, the responsibilities of which come home to one with the thought of these young and eager lives just entering upon the serious work of life, and to be influenced for weal or woe, perhaps by what the Introductory Lecturer may say, and most certainly by what we as a Faculty do.

STUDENTS OF MEDICINE,—My first duty, then, is to bid you on behalf of the Medical Faculty a hearty welcome; and I do so most sincerely, feeling sure that I express the sentiments of every one of your teachers when I say that you come now into the society, not of mere Professors who will lecture at you from a distance, but of men who are anxious for your welfare, who will sympathize with your difficulties, and also bear with you in