

## VALEDICTORY ADDRESS—MEDICAL CONVOCATION.

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**M**R. Chancellor, Mr. Principal, Gentlemen of Convocation, Ladies and Gentlemen:—We are proud to have the honor of being the first Canadian Medical Graduates of the 20th Century. Although we have only stepped upon the first crag of the rugged precipice that leads to the heights of Medical fame, yet we are all determined to attempt the ascent. Whether we succeed or fail we do not think we will ever regret having taken the first step for in a profession which stands so conspicuously in the front rank of the sciences of the day even failure is honorable. However we hope to rise to some extent. We contemplate at least some degree of success rather than failure.

Not only are we proud because we are Medical Graduates but the fact that we can call Queen's our Alma Mater makes us feel doubly proud. The loyalty and affection which Queen's students and graduates show towards Queen's and her revered and honored Principal has become almost household conversation in Canada, and what better recommendation can a mother have than that her children revere and love her.

The recent large donation made by the faculties of Queen's in her behalf gives us additional proof of the deep and unselfish interest which our Professors have in her welfare. Such an act demands the esteem and admiration not only of those in immediate connection with Queen's but of anyone who is interested in University education. On the other hand the large grant of the local legislature of which we were made aware only a few days ago gives us an impressing instance of the favourable recognition which this University enjoys in governmental and outside circles generally. The present time seems to mark a new epoch in the development of Queen's and the advancing strides which are being taken just now are particularly notable in the bright career which has apparently been mapped out for her.

We of the Class of '09 are comparatively few in number but there are some things of which we can boast and in each of the years that we have been here we have given four of our numbers