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ADDRESS TO THE GRADUATES IN MEDICINE OF MCGILL  
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GRADUATES IN MEDICINE—

It is my agreeable duty on behalf of my colleagues, to offer you our most cordial congratulations on your having to-day received that coveted prize—the just reward of your diligence and application—the degree in Medicine of this University.

We welcome you to our ranks at a period in the history of our noble calling when its record of work accomplished has not only given it a foremost place among the progressive sciences, but has established its claim to consideration as among the most active benefactors of the human race. We congratulate you on entering the profession when the scientific part of medicine is booming all along the line. You are just in time to take advantage of the new methods of diagnosis recently introduced, and which are being improved upon every day. Thanks to Pasteur and Lister, all your surgical procedures will be made comparatively safe, providing you carry out the technique in which you have been so thoroughly grounded. You have had exceptional opportunities for studying that comparatively new science of bacteriology, to which we owe so much. You have been doubtless, yourselves, impressed with the extraordinary contributions of this science to medical art. In fact, as you came on through your comparatively short course of study, some of the most remarkable discoveries in bacteriology have been made. The subject, however, is only in its budding stage; so that you have entered the field in time to assist in solving the many mysteries which still surround it.