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GENTLEMEN OF THE GRADUATING CLASS :—It is my duty this year, on the part of the Faculty, to briefly address you on this, to you, great occasion of your attaining to the degree of Doctor of Medicine and Master of Surgery of this University. Let me, then, first extend to you our most hearty congratulations on this auspicious occasion, and to say how great an honor I feel it to be that I am thus permitted to be the first, metaphorically speaking, to take you by the hand. Believe me, gentlemen, this is no empty form of words. Who, I ask, can so heartily sympathize with you and enter into your feelings, as your teachers, who have been in your interests for years straining their energies, and have themselves passed through similar experiences. I cannot but recall how, just twenty years ago, I stood at this same platform and proudly, though, perhaps, blushing, received my degree at the hands of the same noble, gifted, and high-minded principal who has to-day conferred on you the diplomas you hold in your hands. No words of mine are likely to influence or enhance your estimation of the value of the parchments you have thus acquired, but I cannot refrain from reminding you that this day you graduate from a school whose curriculum is unequalled in severity by that of any on this continent, and we proudly point