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**VALEDICTORY ADDRESS TO THE GRADUATES IN  
MEDICINE,**

Delivered at the Annual Medical Convocation of the University of Bishop's College, 8th April, 1896, by A. ARTHMAN BRICERE, M.D. EDIN., Professor of Physiology and Histology.

LADY AND GENTLEMEN,

I have been chosen by my colleagues to address a few parting words of advice and of encouragement to you who are about to assume the duties and responsibilities of the practice of medicine. I deem it a privilege to address you on their behalf.

You have joined the company of the brave and unselfish men and women, who freely risk all that is dearest, even life itself, in the performance of their daily work; and it is to me a pleasing duty to welcome you into the ranks of practitioners of the healing art. For four years, your teachers have done their utmost to assist you in mastering the several branches of medical science. Knowing how rough and rugged is the path of medical education, they have endeavored to guide your footsteps and help you to meet with a cheerful spirit the difficulties of the way. To-day they feel proud to bear testimony to your mental worth. They rejoice to be able to say that you have employed your time, and availed yourselves of your opportunities, to the best advantage, and that you are deserving of the degrees conferred upon you.

The title of Doctor in Medicine not only expresses the possession by the physician of certain items of professional knowledge, but it also implies the possession of a well-trained mind, furnished with every intellectual means to get the most out of professional life. A doctor is expected to be endowed with intellectual powers of no mean order. He or she must be an educated person in order to rise above mediocrity in the medical profession. The value to the physician of a liberal education