

Henceforth you must be prepared to cross swords with all comers. Be assured, however, that no matter in what part of the field you may be found, providing you are conducting a fair and honourable fight, you may always count upon the sympathy and support of those who have taught you.

You are to be congratulated not only on being elevated to-day to the position of master-workman, but also on being graduates of this world-renowned University. The Faculty in which you have served your apprenticeship has long been celebrated for its high standard of professional excellence, and the indications are strongly in favour of a still more brilliant future. Much of this well-earned renown has come down as a goodly heritage from the distinguished men who formerly occupied the various chairs, and many of whom your fathers best knew as teachers. But after all, it is to you, in common with all her graduates, that our Alma Mater looks to sustain this high reputation. With you it really rests whether or not she shall continue to be famous. In your safeguard is entrusted her honour and her credit. Remember, therefore, when striving for a front place in the ranks of our profession, that you are not only satisfying a laudable ambition, but you are at the same time honouring this Faculty, and through it this University. We feel that you will continue to take a lively interest in the affairs of the McGill Medical Faculty. As a class you have been with us now through many trials. In the brief period of your studentship no fewer than three professors have passed away. It is true the late Dr. Godfrey, formerly Professor of Hygiene, had not been on the active staff for some years, but to the last he was much interested in the welfare of the Faculty. Then what a loss we have recently sustained in the death of the gifted MacDonnell. Still a young man, he had already made an indelible impress on the medicine of this country, if not on the science of medicine wherever taught. The very fitting eulogium just delivered by our Dean, and the appropriate reference of your own valedictorian, leave nothing that I can add.

You are fortunate in having been students of this Faculty during the lifetime of the late Dr. Howard, whose memory is