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GENTLEMEN OF THE GRADUATING CLASS.—The pleasant duty devolves upon me of offering you, on behalf of the Faculty of Medicine, congratulations on your present success, and good wishes for the future. For four years you have been occupied in mastering the elements of your Profession in the Lecture room, Hospital ward, and Dispensary; and now, having satisfied the requirements of the University, the long looked for degree has been conferred, the coveted title obtained. The time has arrived for you to put in practice what has been taught you here, and your success will depend, in great measure, upon how you have taken advantage of the opportunities afforded at this school.

At the outset it is necessary for you to bear in mind that your professional education is by no means complete; you have, as it were, only laid the foundation, and, let me say, Gentlemen, while it is to be hoped that a good and promising foundation has been laid under the guidance and instruction of others, it rests with yourselves what the superstructure shall be. The credit of your College, the honour of that Profession to which it is our privilege and pleasure to belong, your advancement in life depend on the course you now