

You now go forth as members of the noblest profession—and I would like you to hear what Francis Bacon said :—"I hold every man a debtor to his profession—from the which of course as men do seek to receive countenance and profit so ought they of duty to endeavour themselves, by way of amends, to be a help and ornament thereunto."

If we are only true to ourselves and have the courage of well founded-convictions, and have truly, honestly laboured with our might and main, we can when the time comes for us to lay aside the armour of our life's warfare, feel that we at any rate have fought a good fight and not lived in vain, that we leave this world none the worse but rather the better of our labours.

You have grand possibilities ahead of you ; I would beg of you not to throw them away or in any manner prostitute the talents God has given you—work while you can with all your might. Do the utmost good you can, and, although you may fail of approbation from your fellow men, you will at any rate have the consciousness of doing your duty to the best of your ability.

I can not close without impressing on you again and yet again the grand nobility of your profession. Oh my friends honour it with all your heart, and in honouring it you will do honour to yourselves.

Be true to your profession ; in so doing you will be true to yourselves ; and you cannot then be false to any man.

Some of you I may never meet again. Let *Virtute et Labore* be your watch-word. Strive for it, labour for it. Acquit yourselves like men. Above all place implicit trust in God. You will often need greater help than man's in the troubles you are sure to meet.

In the name of the Medical Faculty I bid you a kind adieu and affectionate God-speed.

May God Almighty guide you and help you. Remember :

" Virtute et Laore "

Et jam Vale Vale.

## VALEDICTORY OF THE GRADUATING CLASS, 1898, UNIVERSITY OF BISHOP'S COLLEGE, FACULTY OF MEDICINE.

By MacD. FORD, C.M., M.D.

*Mr. Chancellor, Mr. Principal, Members of Convocation,  
Ladies and Gentlemen :—*

On this solemn occasion when one is called upon to address an audience so numerous and so select, and also containing so many learned men, assembled from all the province, and even from more distant points, who have come together to lighten by their presence the brilliancy of our annual