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Mr. Chancellor, Ladies and Gentlemen.

LADY AND GENTLEMEN GRADUATES,—
This day marks the culminating point of your educational career. The process of mental training and the acquisition of knowledge, which during a score or more years, in school, academy and university, has been gradually developing your minds, and storing the memory with innumerable facts, has so far progressed that you have become entitled to be invested with the degree of Master in Surgery and Doctor of Medicine, which has just been conferred upon you by the Chancellor of this University. To be the possessor of such a credential is evidence that satisfactory proof has been given of a good general education in literature, languages, history, science, philosophy, etc., that you have attended a four years' course in medicine, and successfully mastered the subjects of its varied curri-

culum which includes besides the regular medical and surgical didactic lectures, practical training in chemistry, microscopic technique and physical diagnosis, and above all that in the different hospitals of the city you have taken advantage of the ample opportunities afforded here for studying diseases at the bedside, and observing the effects of the remedies applied and the methods of operative treatment, and finally by written and oral examination, proof has been given of having attained to a proficiency in all the branches, satisfactory to your examiners, as well as to the assessors appointed by the Board of the Provincial College of Physicians and Surgeons.

Armed with this well-earned parchment, a token of the confidence replaced in you by your Alma Mater, you are now prepared to enter upon the active work of the profession of your choice and become enrolled into the ranks of the vast army of physicians and surgeons whose labor consists in alleviating the physical sufferings of humanity,—pointing out the dangers of pernicious habits, unhealthy pursuits, and unsanitary surroundings and generally indicating to their fellow beings, the course to follow in order to attain unto that perfect state of physical and mental health through the possession of which only can men experience true happiness no matter what their