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Original Communications.

Valedictory Address to the Graduating Class, delivered at the Tenth Convocation of the Medical Faculty of Bishops College, by JAMES C. CAMERON, M.D., M. R. C. P. I., Professor of Medical Jurisprudence and Lecturer upon Diseases of Children.

GENTLEMEN OF THE GRADUATING CLASS,—It is now my pleasing duty, on behalf of the Medical Faculty of this University, to congratulate you upon the successful completion of your collegiate course, and your admission into the ranks of the medical profession. The daily round of lectures, the hard and weary nightly grinds, the feverish anxieties and dreadful uncertainties of Examination day, are at last all safely over, and to-day you hold in your hands the just and substantial reward of four years' diligence and attention. We congratulate you heartily upon the creditable examination you have passed, and we welcome you cordially into our number as professional brethren and colleagues. But, though your College duties are now at an end, and you stand here graduates in Medicine, let me remind you that your life-work has only just begun; hitherto you have pursued your studies under the constant guidance and direction of your teachers—now you must pass from under their supervision and control and rely

upon your own resources. You have studied hard heretofore, you must study hard still; you must press on, the world will not wait for you; science is advancing with rapid strides, earnest thoughtful men are pushing their investigations in every department; new facts are accumulating, new theories springing up, new methods of treatment elaborated; if you would keep abreast of the times, you must study long and well, and familiarize yourselves with the progressive labors and discoveries of others. The physician who is content with what he already knows, and thereupon ceases to study, voluntarily drops from the ranks, and is soon left far behind; in the medical profession you cannot stand still, you must either advance or retrograde. But, while studying with diligence and regularity, do not over-estimate its importance, and fall into the error of supposing that book-learning alone can ensure success in your profession; reading may certainly make you well-informed men, it can never of itself make you skillful men. An eminent Professor was once asked by a young graduate what he would recommend him to do, in order to secure success in the profession. "Three things," replied the Professor, "1st, observe; and 2nd, observe; and 3rd, observe." Careful observation is the only road to success; it is the magic key which unlocks the mysteries of Nature and reveals her secrets to the studious inquirer. Train the eye, the ear, the touch daily; take pains to investigate every case entrusted to your care