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Valedictory Address to the Graduates in Medicine, on behalf of the Medical Faculty of McGill University, delivered at the Annual Convocation, held in the William Molson Hall of the University, on the 3rd of May, 1865. By WILLIAM SUTHERLAND, M.D., Professor of Chemistry.

A new chapter in the drama of your life opens to-day, of which the four preceding years have been the prelude and the rehearsal. The privileges and the franchise of your profession just conferred on you imply certain qualifications; of these your studies and your successful examination are at once the warranty and the test. It is thus with these surroundings that your entrance upon your career is inaugurated, attended with customary ceremonies and accompanied by general good wishes.

Your medical studies have extended over four years of continuous uninterrupted labour, and they have been systematically imparted—practically and clinically enforced and applied. In a word the whole domain of your profession has been investigated, examined and explored. Your final examination has satisfied your teachers that you are in every way competent to undertake the management of cases for yourselves. This examination furnishes trustworthy testimony that your time has been well spent and applied; but while this is unquestionably true, such proficiency as an examination establishes is not the only, perhaps not the chief, condition of success in life. It cannot establish what any one is capable of doing on an emergency, or how he will act under difficult or trying circumstances; neither can it make known moral qualities, sense of honour, or even temper. You will soon discover that with the best intentions and disposition you will be valued, not by feeling nor by deference to your profession as such, for this age is marked by the decay of respect and reverence, and to day, as in the time of Pyrrho, it is easy to coin a new word likewise borrowed from a name ending with O, significative of uncertainty and doubt. You will be valued by the conduct