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Gentlemen-Graduates,—It is my pleasing duty, on behalf of my colleagues, to offer you our most cordial congratulations upon this auspicious termination of your labours. For the past four years you have been patiently working for the prize, which, with the customary ceremony, our worthy Principal has just presented to you in the name of the University, and now you are entitled to add to your ordinary signature the four letters—M.D.C.M. You have climbed the steep ascent and reached the summit of your present ambition, and though during the journey you have doubtless often experienced hours of despondency, and occasionally a hoplessness and even dread, your student days will now be remembered with feelings chiefly of pleasure. Hard work honestly done and opportunities faithfully improved will be prominent among the delightful associations which the retrospect will recall.

You are now well equipped for the journey of life. You are considered competent to enter the lists, and we, your trainers, are already beginning to speculate on the places you are likely to take in the great race before you. Hitherto the contest has been a friendly one, as between brothers of the same family.