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*Introductory Address delivered at the opening of Session 1874-5, Medical Faculty, McGill University.* By DUNCAN C. MACCALLUM, M.D., M.R.C.S., England, Professor of Midwifery and Diseases of Women and Children.

GENTLEMEN—In extending a sincere and cordial welcome to those of you with whom they have already been associated as teacher and pupil, as well to those who now, for the first time, enter the classes of this faculty, the Professors would express their confidence that the gentlemanly conduct and devotion to study which have been the characteristics of the medical student of McGill, will be fully maintained by the members of the medical class of this session; and, that the mutual respect and good-will which have heretofore existed between the professors and the students will continue to exist, giving rise as usual to kindly feelings towards, and a warm interest in each other.

There is no other science, which includes within its range so many and such varied departments of knowledge as the science of medicine,—its grand aims being the preservation of health and the cure of disease. To further these important objects it has placed under contribution almost all the other sciences, and gathered within itself the most diversified information. Whatever of truthful observation and discovery has been brought to light by earnest investigators, bearing upon the difficult problems involved in the