

## ADDRESS TO GRADUATES IN MEDICINE.

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GENTLEMEN OF THE GRADUATING CLASS:—

It is my pleasing duty this year, on the part of the Faculty, to briefly address you on this, to you, great occasion of your attaining to the Degree of Doctor of Medicine and Master of Surgery of this University.

Let me then first extend to you our most hearty congratulations on this auspicious occasion, and to say how great an honor I feel it to be, that I am thus permitted to be the first, metaphorically speaking, to take you by the hand. Believe me, gentlemen, this is no empty form of words. Who, I ask, can so heartily sympathize with you and enter into your feelings as your teachers, who have been for years straining their energies in your interests, and have themselves passed through similar experiences. I cannot but recall how, thirty-five years ago, I occupied a position like yours to-day and proudly if blushing received my degree at the hands of our late noble, gifted, and high-minded principal, Sir William Dawson. No words of mine are likely to influence or enhance your estimation of the value of the parchments you have thus acquired, but I cannot refrain from reminding you that to-day you graduate from a medical school whose curriculum is equalled by few and excelled in severity by none on this Continent, and we proudly point to the approval of a discriminating profession and public, as shewn by a steadily increasing number of candidates for our degree. We are constantly stiffening our requirements and narrowing our portals, but the number of our students constantly increases and in the session just closed has reached a figure never before equalled.

Gentlemen, it is customary, and we believe it to be the duty of those who have been your teachers, when you are thus dismissed, when the bond which has linked us for four years as preceptors and pupils is to be severed, to improve the occasion by addressing you a few words of counsel and warning. Success in this the profession of your choice, is of course the object of your ambition. With all our hearts, gentlemen, we wish you that success in the best sense of the word. We have endeavored to impress you with the fact that if you are to succeed in