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GENTLEMEN OF THE GRADUATING CLASS,

The four years' course which seemed to you so long at the commencement of your college career has come and gone; you have laboured diligently: you have given evidence of your attainments by having passed successfully a severe and trying examination, and you are rewarded to-day by being presented with your degree of Doctor in Medicine and Master of Surgery from McGill University.

I have much pleasure in welcoming you into the ranks of an old and honourable profession and of greeting you as *confrères*.

Hitherto you have carried on your studies under the guidance of trained teachers; you now have the inestimable privilege of all free-born men, of shaping your own course, and, from this on, it will devolve upon yourselves more than upon anyone else so to conduct yourselves that you may, as the years roll by, develop into the fullest and highest possible manhood. Parents and teachers have done their part well; see to it that you do your part still better. The pupil must excel his master, else no progress. Kind friends rejoice with you to-day, and your Alma Mater joins with them in wishing you God-speed. The Faculty of Medicine will watch your career with solicitude, and will ever be pleased to hear of your successes and triumphs