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Gentlemen-Graduates-A few words at parting are never If we have been permitted to guide and assist you in your studies for the past four years, that task is now accomplished, and our relative positions of teacher and student exist That you have utilized the opportunities afforded you is proved by the possession of that parchment of which each has good right to be proud. It is the seal of your Alma Mater. She declares that you have faithfully served during the fixed time of probation—that you have shown that diligence which is absolutely essential for the attainment of knowledge—that your acquirements have been subjected to rigid and fairly critical tests-that, finally, you have been able to withstand the scrutiny of those very inquisitive persons, the examiners, and, therefore, she has granted you her Testamur. Wherever you go, you now have by you that which will always testify for you-that which will bear witness to your capability and fitness to be entrusted with the important duties and offices of the physician. I need not dwell to you upon how important these duties and privileges are. I believe that not one of you would be standing here to-day if he had not felt drawn towards this profession by a conviction of its intrinsic nobleness and dignity. Only this I might say, that the more a physician is imbued with a love of

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