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Gentlemen Graduates in Medicine :—" The winning of honour," says Bacon, " is but the revealing of a man's virtue and worth, without disadvantage."

The honour which, for a period of four years, you have manfully striven for and at length creditably won, and which has this day been conferred upon you, is one that demands, on the part of those who would successfully aspire to it, the manifestations of qualities, both mental and moral, of no common order. Your success, therefore, reveals to your friends and to society at large that you do possess those intellectual qualities, that virtue and worth which, if you continue to exercise them in future as you have hitherto, will certainly succeed in winning for you the esteem of honorable men, and make you useful members of the profession of your choice.

Of all the modes in which men employ their time and energies, there are few more elevated in their aims or more beneficial to mankind than the practice of the healing art. We may say, in truth, that there is but one other profession which excels that of the human healer: and it does so, simply because it has for its object the present culture and well-being and the future safety and happiness of man's undying self. One of the greatest and most original thinkers of the present day, however, places Medicine above all other professions: thus, Carlyle, in his " Latter day pamphlets," observes, that " the profession of the human healer is radically a sacred one and connected with the highest priest-hoods, or rather being itself the out-come and acme of all priesthoods and divinest conquests of intellect here below."