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*Valedictory Address to the Graduates in Medicine and Surgery, McGill University, delivered on behalf of the Medical Faculty, at the annual convocation, held in the William Molson Hall of the University, on Friday 31st March, 1876.*  
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GENTLEMEN GRADUATES :—In accordance with a time-honoured custom I am here on behalf of the Medical Faculty of this University to convey to you their hearty congratulations on being this day the recipients of the highest honour which it is their privilege to bestow.

After a long, and in the main, a tiresome race, lasting over four years, you have at length reached the winning post, and are here to-day in the presence of a gracious and admiring assembly to be decked with the laurels you have so nobly won. In no race can all be first, but on this occasion the judges have unanimously ruled that you were all "on time." The goal at which you now stand is however not the last by many on this great course. You have completed the first heat only, the prizes for which alone are offered and distributed here, so that there is abundance of time for even the last man to pick himself up and show a brilliant record on the great home stretch. Remember that in the future the struggle ceases to be a college contest where as companions you are pitted against each other.