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GENTLEMEN,

We meet to-day to inaugurate our Sixty-third Session. It has been customary for many years past to precede the regular work of the session by an opening lecture, and this year it has fallen to my lot to perform this task.

My first duty is the pleasing one of extending to you on behalf of the Faculty a hearty welcome as students in the Faculty of Medicine. The pleasure of my task has been, however, somewhat alloyed by the diffidence I feel in speaking to you on an occasion which marks such an important epoch in the lives of many of you, that of a start in what is to be your real work in life. My only encouragement has been that it is not many years since I trod the same path that you are now entering, so that I can appreciate and sympathise with your difficulties, and that possibly something I may say will strike a sympathetic chord and be of use to you in your journey.

This occasion is in one respect destined to be a memorable one in the history of our Faculty, as it is the first public opportunity we have had of welcoming our new Principal, Dr. Peterson. Dr. Peterson's reputation as a scholar and administrator has preceded him, and we trust his presence may mark a new epoch in the prosperity and welfare of the University over which he has been chosen to preside. I feel I only voice your sentiments in extending to him a cordial greeting, and in assuring him that he will have the hearty sympathy