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"To each, Athene and Apollo give some gift, and each is worthy in his place, but to this child they have given an honour beyond all honours; to cure while others kill."

It is right and fitting that some formality be associated with the entrance of the man into direct preparation of his life's work—that the novice in medicine should not simply signalize his entrance into medical life by a humdrum or utterly commonplace visit to the University Registrar and a commercial transaction over the counter, but that he should participate in a ceremony which, however simple in its form, is nevertheless in its essence an initiation. This evening your Professors and the Faculty of Medicine formally but none the less sincerely welcome you. This evening formally you enter upon your novitiate in medicine—to-day marks the beginning of your life-work as members, even if junior members, of that well wishing band of those who devote their lives to the care of the sick and the maimed, to the prevention of disease and the raising of the standard of health, efficiency and happiness in the community. And I should point out to you, not merely are you and your teachers involved in this ceremony. You, gentlemen of the Freshmen year, are privileged to be old enough, and yet young enough, to have been

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