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*Valedictory Address to the Graduates in Medicine and Surgery McGill
University.* Delivered on behalf of the Medical Faculty, at the An
nual Convocation held in the William Molson Hall of the University,
on the 3rd May, 1867. By GEORGE W. CAMPBELL, A. M., M D.,
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GENTLEMEN GRADUATES :

The connexion which has for so many years existed between us as
teachers and students being now about to be for ever severed, it is custom-
ary on taking leave of you to address to you a few words of congratulation
and advice, but I hope I may be allowed before doing so, to dwell for a
short time upon a subject which, although in a measure personal to us as
the Faculty of Medicine of McGill University, is not the less interesting
and important to you, now commencing life for yourselves, and from your
education and position in the community, about to exercise, I hope for
the public weal, no inconsiderable influence upon public opinion.

You are most of you, no doubt aware, that since 1st of January, 1866,
the Profession in Upper Canada has been governed by an Act, entitled
" An Act to regulate the qualifications of Practitioners in Medicine and
and Surgery in Upper Canada," and that under this Act a council has been
established, composed partly of representatives chosen, one from each of
the four Universities : one from the Toronto School of Medicine, and one
from each of the twelve Electoral Divisions of Upper Canada. The body
so selected, is styled the General Council of Medical Education and Re-
gistration of Upper Canada. To this Act, as at first passed, the McGill
College authorities offered no opposition, it was regarded by them as a
very excellent measure ; liberal in its provision, and a just and sufficient
protection to the properly qualified Medical Practitioner. By it, Licen-
tiates of Medicine in Upper and Lower Canada, and persons holding me-
dical or Surgical Degrees or Diplomas from any University in Her Ma-