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GRADUATES IN MEDICINE OF MCGILL COLLEGE ON THEIR
RECEIVING THE DEGREE OF DOCTOR OF MEDICINE
AND MASTER OF SURGERY, CONFERRED BY
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GENTLEMEN GRADUATES,—At length you have reached the noble heights of medicine. As you climbed the steep ascent, many a rough crag and deep ravine, many a sharp ledge and winding way has had to be mastered, but indomitable perseverance has overcome every obstacle and brought you to the summit.

I congratulate you that during your examinations you have shown such brilliancy as to win the approbation of those who can best appreciate your merits. I congratulate you that your professors deem you qualified to practice the Divine art of the physician, and in token thereof they extend to you the right hand of fellowship and welcome you as brothers. I congratulate you that you have been invested with the degree of M.D., C.M., the highest in medicine which this or any other University can confer—the harbinger to the career of skilful and accomplished practitioners. And I congratulate you, lastly, though not least, that you are graduates of McGill College, an institution of world-wide celebrity, where the standard of professional excellence has ever been kept aloft on highest pinnacle.