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In every human life, I suppose, there are a few days fraught with a consciousness of the supreme importance, provided the holder of it retains it long enough to understand and appreciate the responsibility involved in the mere possession of life, mind, and soul. I am not here, however, to discourse upon the meaning and significance of these three wondrous monosyllables, each one of which has from the beginning, and will to the end of time, transcend the limits of human understanding. Thanks to the Faculty of Medicine of McGill University, my task is of a lighter and more agreeable nature. It is to bid the Class of 1881-82 a most hearty and cordial welcome, to wish each individual member success in the arduous work he is about to enter upon, and to assure each and all that they have the entire sympathy of, and will receive every encouragement and assistance that can possibly be rendered by, the teachers to whom they have entrusted the all-important function of guiding them for a time in their future studies. This, I believe, is for most of us the anniversary of one of those "red-letter days" to which I have alluded. For some it recalls the fading memories