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TO DO FOR HIMSELF AND HUMANITY.*

The proceedings of to-day bring to a close another scholastic year of this university, and also mark the termination of your college course; and, on behalf of the university, I congratulate you on having obtained the academic distinctions and honors which have to-day been conferred on you as the due consummation of your earnest studies during the years of the courses which you followed. You came here for your education, that is to receive the instruction necessary to acquire information and to develop your faculties. Such instruction you have received to a degree sufficient to entitle you to the diplomas which have been given to you and to fit you to enter the path which you have chosen for your course through life; but you must not imagine that you have now attained the goal, that your education is complete, and that henceforth you have only to apply that education to the pursuits you may engage in. Education, in the broad sense of the acquisition of knowledge, of the development of one's faculties, is co-extensive with one's life; the older we get the more we learn; and, at the same time, the more we realize the truth of Montaigne's saying: "That we shall not die so certain of anything as of our own ignorance."

* The substance of an address delivered by the Hon. Justice Wurtcle, at the late McGill College convocation.