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GRADUATES IN MEDICINE.

ONCE again the time has come round when the various Universities and Colleges confer the honourable degree of Doctor of Medicine upon the young men and women who have satisfied their Professors that they have acquired a sufficient knowledge of the healing art to entitle them to this distinction. It is usual for their friends, their Professors, and the medical publications to congratulate the winners of this academic distinction upon their success, and to wish them prosperity in the calling they have chosen. As they have attained the goal for which for the four years just past they have been striving, we heartily congratulate them. The attainment of any honourable object, the winning of which has cost years of labour, is always a legitimate subject of congratulation. Should our congratulations go further? That depends upon the fitness of the new Doctor for the discharge of the duties of the profession he has now entered. His fitness for his profession again depends upon his knowledge, his natural aptitude, and the spirit which underlies and gives direction to his life. As to his knowledge, we may take for granted that his having received his degree from a reputable institution is a sufficient guarantee that he has acquired a rudimentary acquaintance with the essentials of a medical education. If during his college course he has acquired a sufficient knowledge of the medical sciences to make him feel that he has yet much to learn, and to impress upon him the necessity of continuous study, and to spur him on to acquire a yet more complete and more minute knowledge of the various subjects of which a successful medical practitioner must be the master, then, we would say, his college course has been a success, and he is to be con-