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MR. PRESIDENT, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,—When I accepted the invitation to join the boys to-night, in a ceremony which might make the mouths of the founders of Canadian dental reform water with envy, I thought at first it was to be a quiet sort of family farewell, where one could unbend a bit, like teachers and pupils who both love football; and yet, where one's gray hairs would perhaps entitle him to talk kindly, like a father, experienced words of caution with the warmest words of cheer. I flattered myself that the task would be light and congenial, and that the happy graduates would endure me, because it was to be the very last of a long list of lectures they had survived, and because, too, they might hope to catch from one's confessions, some of the needed warnings which active practitioners have "learned in suffering to sing in song," and for which I know I would have been grateful when I first launched forth eager for the fray, to set the world on fire. You know there's nothing running to such waste as the burning passion to bestow advice. It is a perfect drug in the market of moral ethics. It is a possession with which even misers are extravagant. It would not be difficult then, to give our graduates the

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\*At the Closing Exercises of the Royal College of Dental Surgeons of Ontario.