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GENTLEMEN-GRADUATES,—On behalf of my colleagues, I congratulate you on the successful termination of your course in Medicine. The ceremony just completed virtually admits you to all the privileges and responsibilities of the profession of your choice. The document which you have severally received from the hand of our worthy Principal is a certificate of your competency to practice medicine and surgery and the various branches embraced therein. It is your just reward for the patient, plodding work and gentlemanly behaviour which have characterized you during the past four years.

I doubt not you prize greatly the parchment which you hold in your hands, but I question very much if you really appreciate its full value. I may tell you for your gratification (and I make the statement advisedly) that among the many prizes and rewards open to the ambitious student throughout the world to-day, there are very few the intrinsic value of which is greater than the diploma which this University is authorized to issue on behalf of its Medical Faculty. That you are a "McGill man" is a sufficient guarantee to the public of your ability as a physician, and among your *confrères* everywhere you will command a more than ordinary share of respect and esteem.