

disease is recognized, precise and positive data regarding the condition of the internal organs primarily or secondarily affected; the impossibility of judging with certainty in some cases as to whether death is imminent or remote; and the utter unreliability of any known drug in simple arterio-sclerosis, leave much to be desired in the further explanation of what has long been a *terra incognita*.

### VALEDICTORY ADDRESS

to the Graduating Class of the Medical Faculty of the University of Bishop's College, at the close of the

SESSION OF 1892,

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Mr. Vice-Chancellor, Ladies and Gentlemen, Gentlemen of the Graduating Class,—The honor of addressing you on behalf of the Faculty on this important and to you commemorable convocation day has fallen upon me.

The very name Convocation impresses all as being the students day; a day of rejoicing, when they have a right to lay aside text and note books, and receive their well-earned reward and the congratulations of their friends. As it is a recognized day of rejoicing, so has it been from time immemorial a time for the giving of advice by a Faculty through one of its members to a departing class of students. That this time-honored custom may be continued, I shall more particularly address my remarks to you, gentlemen of the graduating class; and in giving advice I will endeavor to be brief lest I bore you, for we must remember the hour belongs to them and not to us. And here at the very beginning of my remarks I wish to extend to you on behalf of the Faculty our congratulations on your success in passing your examinations so creditably as to be worthy of the degree of C.M.

M.D., of the University of Bishop's College. Gentlemen, your success to-day is no surprise to us, for we have watched you faithfully and with deep interest during the past four long years of your professional education. We have noticed the attention you have given to the various branches prescribed in our curriculum. We have followed you day after day through the wards of the different hospitals, and observed your constant and painstaking work in prying into the mysteries of disease. We have learned to have confidence in your ability, and realize that your knowledge of medicine and surgery did not spring up in a night, to fall from your minds a few days after your examinations are over. During the long four years now at an end which you have passed with us, the responsibility of giving you a solid grounding of principles and a practical knowledge of medicine and surgery has been upon your professors. To-day when the parchment certificate entitling you to dispense and treat the many ills that affect the human race is conferred upon you, our responsibility ends and yours begins. We therefore in the same breath bid you farewell as students and welcome as practitioners. The Medical Faculty of the U. B. C., like most young schools, has had her struggles and difficulties from her very beginning; at times her classes have been small and her future not very encouraging, nevertheless those actively engaged on her teaching staff have always been hopeful, and determined to give the young men under their care, however few in number, a thorough and practical training, not only to discharge their duty to them, but in the full belief, that if they sent out men well instructed and equipped for the practice of their profession, their *successes* would certainly reflect credit on their Alma Mater, and improve her position. The size of our classes this session proves the wisdom of