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Gentlemen—It has fallen to my lot to welcome you to these halls in the name of the Faculty, and I do so with the greatest pleasure. Students, new and old, we are glad to see you here, and trust that none of you will ever regret having selected this school as the one in which to prosecute the study of that profession which will hereafter be your life's work. We know that you have come to us, not that after having spent a certain period of time here you may be able to write M.D. after your names, for if that were the reason, other institutions might be selected where the degree could be obtained more easily and in a much shorter time, but that you may obtain the best medical education that the country affords. Any student among you who has entered upon the study of medicine expecting to have a good time and pass four years in comparative idleness is vastly mistaken. We are all workers here, and want no drones; if there are any such, we beg of them to go home and start life anew in some other sphere more adapted to their tastes and aptitudes, for here the environment will not suit them. To all who come determined to work and learn, we extend a most hearty welcome. Your four years will not be easy ones, but when they have ended and you have received your reward, you will feel yourselves