

DR. HORSEY'S ADDRESS AT MEDICAL CONVOCATION.

I APPRECIATE to the very fullest extent the honor conferred upon me by the faculty in inviting me to be present here this afternoon to address the graduating medical class and their friends, at the same time I can assure you that the day of my own graduating is not yet sufficiently far distant for me to have forgotten that my task, however invigorating it may be, is not always an easy one and I can therefore only ask that that same measure of consideration may be extended to me which I, in my undergraduate days, invariably meted out to those unfortunates who for the time being occupied a position similar to my present one. Indeed I think this is all I need ask for I can assure you that, as an undergraduate, I was ever and always a most sympathetic and decorous listener on occasion such as this as, no doubt, those present who may have known me in those now far distant days may perhaps recall.

It has for many years past been the custom, at this University to afford those just graduating in the various faculties an opportunity of listening to words of advice warm from the lips of men who have themselves by their success in their professions earned the right to speak with authority having brought honor to their Alma Mater and credit to the University in which they were trained. I have no doubt that the custom was an excellent one and I was therefore very much surprised when I learned that this year so radical an innovation was to be made in inviting me to take their place here to-day- *At first* I confess I was at a loss to understand what was the real reason which prompted this invitation to me. I tried to recall the details of my short Medical career if possible to find some incident therein which may have, by any chance, been the means of deluding some one into thinking that that career had been a successful one but I could conjure up nothing which could possibly be deemed extraordinary though my mind recalled one after another the incidents