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### *Original Communications.*

#### VALEDICTORY ADDRESS TO GRADUATES.

Delivered at the Medical Convocation of Bishop's College, April 13, 1886.

By the Rev. Prof. SAUNDERS, M.D.

MR. CHANCELLOR, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN:—

On behalf of the Medical Faculty of Bishop's College I thank you for the kind interest in our work which you manifest by your presence here to-day.

It is cheering to us after the toils and often self-denying efforts of another session, to meet you under circumstances so pleasant.

It serves to stimulate us to increased zeal, and must also be inspiring to the students to see and feel that there are those outside who are not indifferent to their trials and triumphs, but who come here to crown the successful competitors with the laurels of their approval and applause.

And you, the members of the Graduating Class, I most heartily congratulate on the successes which have crowned the struggles of years and the golden portal to which you have now arrived, and which now stands open before you, inviting the trained athlete to still greater struggles and still greater honors. I am not at all sure that the Faculty has acted wisely in placing this duty on my shoulders to day. It is almost impossible for me to realize that I am speaking for them. Some of you have been my fellow-students. With you I have joined in the boisterousness of student life. With you I have stood amazed at the profound learning and wisdom of these "most

potent, grave and reverend signors." With you I have stood in blank despair as we have crept along the shores of the vast sea of Medical Science, and wondered how it could be possible to sound its depths and reach out to its mighty headlands.

However, you have been learning something about nature's wondrous laws of compensation, and perhaps they come into play just here, and after all even this fact may not be without its advantages; and while those whitening heads and study-furrowed brows stand before you as giants whose medical power and skill strike you with awe, I stand as a kind of connecting link between you and them, and having so lately emerged from the chrysalis state, and so lately donned professional wings I may perhaps be able to enter more fully into sympathy with you in your present feelings and aspirations. In my anxiety to discover some personal fitness in myself for the work now allotted to me I have thought that perhaps in my semi-professional position I may be able to offer some suggestions from that standpoint that may be of service to you. We are so apt, while engrossed with our particular duties to become narrow, and scarcely to heed what is going on outside of our own lines, and therefore, occupying as I do a position somewhat outside, I may be able to give you a hint or two as to what outsiders think and say about medical men.

And as I am in the habit of dealing with the most serious concerns of men I trust you will to-day pardon what may appear to you to be the undue seriousness of the remarks which I may make. I hardly need to tell you that if the accumulation of *wealth* is the goal which you have set before you