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GENTLEMEN,—In compliance with a custom honoured by time and sanctioned by experience, I am here to-day on behalf of my colleagues to extend a warm and hearty welcome to the students of this Faculty; and at the same time to offer to you who are beginning, and to you who are resuming your studies, some words of advice as to their management. To many of the latter among you the “introductory” is a thrice-told tale, so that my remarks will be directed in great part to those before me who are about to enter upon the study of medicine, or who, at all events, occupy these seats for the first time.

And first allow me to congratulate you on the choice of a profession, for, while it is one of the most laborious, and the most self-sacrificing, it ranks amongst the noblest, the most important, and at the same time the most interesting of all the occupations to which the highest human endeavors are turned. Although you will never, from the pure practice of medicine, amass the enormous wealth of many who engage in trade, still a fair compe-