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With all my heart I would that to one more capable had been entrusted the duty of bidding you farewell,—of wishing you that success and happiness which, as the voice of the Faculty, I do most heartily wish you.

During your collegiate course your Alma Mater has done what she could for you; now in your own strength you must stand or fall; she has laid the foundation of your future life, and I trust laid it well; it is for you to raise a superstructure perfect in its parts and honourable both to her and the builder.

It may seem to you as though your days of toil and study were over, and that, with a diploma certifying to your fitness and proficiency in learning, you will be armed and equipped with everything necessary to secure your success. I trust that none of you will reason thus. Remember that your work, your studies, and your readings have not ended,—they have indeed but just begun.

To-day you are entering upon a new world, a world of labour, and pain, and sorrow, a world in which there is at last but one event to all the sons of men, be they rich or poor, high or low. You must be prepared to deal with anxiety, fear, grief, and despair, as well as fever and physical pain; you are to be not only physician, but friend, confessor, guide, and judge; you cannot avoid these responsibilities if you would, nor should you if you could.

Do not, however, even for a moment imagine that I would have you look upon the world before you as one of utter darkness. The very