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*Introductory Lecture, delivered at the opening of the Forty-first Session of the Medical Faculty of McGill University.* By R. P. HOWARD, M.D., L.R.C.S.E., Professor of Theory and Practice of Medicine.

GENTLEMEN,—The revolving wheel of time has rendered it my duty to give this year the opening lecture of the Session to the Medical Students of this University, and while it is somewhat optional with the speaker what the theme of his discourse shall be, custom has almost established it to be the proper thing to address words of direction and counsel to those more especially just entering upon the study of medicine. And while conforming to a custom which has my own approval, I trust the older students will tolerate the common-place observations, which the recital of a tale so often told must contain; remembering that they were once freshmen, experiencing the same anxieties, doubts and aspirations, that probably possess at this moment, many listening to me.

Permit me first, gentlemen, in the name of my colleagues, to give all who are here for the first time, a hearty welcome to this School, and to assure you that we all take a sincere interest in you as young men entrusting us with the responsible work of teaching you the Science and Art of Medicine.

To the many now present whom we have had the pleasure of seeing occupy those seats before, we also offer