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GENTLEMEN,—I thank you for your warm reception, and, in acknowledging it, let me assure you that the joy of meeting is mutual. Your Professors are as happy as you are at the introduction now taking place on this the first day of the session. And in return for your applause, which we accept as your greeting, I have great pleasure, in their name, in extending to you a most cordial welcome.

This day begins a future which, we trust, will enrich you with an abundant harvest of professional usefulness, and when a little while has rolled by we hope to place in your hand the sickle by which its golden fruit may be gathered into your garners; or, to change the figure, we trust that before a long while we shall bind you round our necks with our other esteemed jewels in the long lace of graduates who are our sons in Medicine.

May the morning you first crossed these halls of learning be ever a red-letter one in your life's calendar. May enthusiasm so swell at the remembrance of the time spent here that you will be eager to exclaim: we hail from McGill! And may others read the great fact in your superiority, so that they too will be constrained to confess that from McGill, and McGill only, could you hail!

This day, again, will ever appeal to our hearts because it marks a new era in our position. We now inaugurate the stately building wherein we are met. It has been built by the Governors of the University, out of the funds at their disposal, at a cost of \$27,000. They have placed it exclusively as a free gift in the