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TO THE MEMORY
OF TWO DEAR FRIENDS
THE LATE GEORGE W. CAMPBELL, M.D., LL.D.
AND
THE LATE ROBERT PALMER HOWARD, M.D., LL.D.
THIS VOLUME OF ADDRESSES
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VALEDICTORY ADDRESS TO THE
GRADUATES IN MEDICINE AND
SURGERY, MCGILL UNIVERSITY,
DELIVERED ON BEHALF OF THE
MEDICAL FACULTY AT THE ANNUAL
CONVOCATION, HELD ON THE THIRTY-
FIRST MARCH, EIGHTEEN HUNDRED
AND SEVENTY, HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS
PRINCE ARTHUR BEING PRESENT.

GENTLEMEN GRADUATES IN MEDICINE:
"The winning of honour," says Bacon,
"is but the revealing of a man's virtue
and worth, without disadvantage."

The honour which, for a period of four
years, you have manfully striven for and
at length creditably won, and which has,
this day, been conferred upon you, is one
that demands, on the part of those who
would successfully aspire to it, the mani-
festations of qualities both mental and
moral, of no common order. Your success,
therefore, reveals to your friends and to
society at large that you do possess those
intellectual qualities, that virtue and
worth which, if you continue to exercise
them in future as you have hitherto, will

certainly succeed in winning for you the esteem of honourable men, and make you useful members of the profession of your choice.

Of all the modes in which men employ their time and energies, there are few more elevated in their aims or more beneficial to mankind than the practice of the healing art. We may say, in truth, that there is but one other profession which excels that of the human healer: and it does so, simply because it has for its object the present culture and well-being and the future safety and happiness of man's undying self. One of the greatest and most original thinkers of the present day, however, places Medicine above all other professions: thus, Carlyle, in his "Latter day Pamphlets," observes that "the profession of the human healer is radically a sacred one and connected with the highest priesthoods, or rather being itself the out-come and acme of all priest-hoods and divinest conquests of intellect here below."

The great object of Medicine is to combat disease, and what does this signify?

Firstly:—That it is a profession which

requires its members to be furnished with knowledge of the most extensive and recondite character. They must know the physical man thoroughly, the wonderful intricacies of his intimate structure, and the marvellously complex processes that are being carried on in every part of his organism. They must have studied also man's mental constitution, and be able to recognize the presence and estimate the value of mental influences in life processes and their derangements. The infinite variety of the causes of disease, whether existing in man itself, in the air he breathes, the food he eats, the water he drinks, the textures with which he clothes himself, or the earth upon which he walks, must be familiar to them. They must have a perfect acquaintance with the physiognomy of disease and the traits and characters by which it reveals its presence. They must know, also, the means which a Beneficent Providence has placed within their reach for the removal of disease, and the restoration of the aberrant functions to their normal condition; and which means have been discovered, elaborated and perfected, by