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THE PHYSICIAN OF THE FUTURE.*

THE day which marks the beginning of a career is always one of interest. Especially is this so for him whose career begins, if indeed a career can be said to have definite commencement. But little less of interest, however, is felt also by his friends, and the day partakes of the nature of an inauguration or a marriage. It is a general day of rejoicing. The graduate himself is happy in the thought that his labors, at least for the time being, are over; his friends are glad to see the honor which he has earned, and the general public takes almost the same interest in the graduate that it does in the lover.

This particular occasion, when those who have completed the prescribed course of medical and dental science present themselves to receive their degrees, is of especial interest. This probably marks the last commencement of the medical and dental school of old Columbian. More than three quarters of a century of achievement marks her successful career. Thousands of graduates scattered throughout the land are proud of the alma mater who started them in life. The change of name, therefore, to George Washington University is not looked upon with unmixed joy, especially by the older children. A mother is, perhaps, no less a mother because, when widowed, she marries another man and takes another name. The academic mother

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