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### The President's Message to the Graduating Class\*

Ladies and gentlemen of the 1935 graduating class of The National College of Chiropractic: This is an important moment in your lives. The years of preparation for your profession are drawing to a close. The gates of life are about to open to you and as I contemplate your departure from your Alma Mater, I wish to congratulate you, first of all, upon the choice of your life's work. Nature has decreed that all of us should work in order that we may exist. Happily, the profession which you are entering offers you more than a mere existence. It offers you a life of service and with that service an inner satisfaction transcending all material rewards.

On this momentous occasion, as I take your hand and look in to your eyes, I would gladly give you a brief mathematical formula for success. However, success depends upon so many factors that a prescription for the same is impractical if not impossible.

When you entered the halls of The National College of Chiropractic, the first ingredients of that which will make you successful in the years to come were offered you in the class rooms studying Anatomy, Physiology, Chemistry and the principles of the art and science of Chiropractic. To these underlying branches were added, as the months and years passed, spinal, physical and general diagnosis and still later you received the necessary training the practical work of drugless healing.

The above branches, only briefly mentioned here, did furnish you the first and most necessary ingredients for achievement in your chosen life's work. They constituted the fundamental steps in the formula for professional success.

The fact that you have passed your examinations in these branches and that your work was satisfactory to the faculty and to the President of The National College of Chiropractic, proves that you, yourselves, have been well started on the road to accomplishment.

Upon entering now the highway of professional endeavor, may I not urge upon you a militant conception of the principles of Chiropractic around which your education has been built here within these halls of your Alma Mater. These principles not only furnish you a basis for your future work in healing the sick, but they give you one of the most important ingredients in the formula of success in life. I refer to adjustment - adjustment in its widest meaning, vertebral, structural, mental and environmental. In this conception of all around adjustment, ladies and gentlemen of the graduating class, you have a super-structure which, based upon the fundamental teachings you received within these college halls, will carry you far upon the road of achievement.

And finally, in giving you a last word of farewell, with my paternal wish for happiness, I cannot do better than to repeat to you a classical expression upon which those of us who started this institution nigh three decades ago based our work through all these years, namely: *Esse quam videre* - to be rather than to seem.

-THE PRESIDENT  
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