

"Truths that wake to perish never,  
Which neither listlessness nor mad endeavor,  
Nor man, nor boy,  
Nor all that is at enmity with joy,  
Can utterly abolish or destroy."

But it has been said, and certainly experience of earthly things does not seem to contradict the statement, that not even the entrance to paradise is absolutely free from all regret. And so it is with us this evening ; our happiness is dampened by the thought that we must leave forever our dear old college home, and all her familiar, and time-endearred surroundings, that we must bid adieu to our devoted professors, tried friends of many years, to our fellow students, our dear friends, and companions.

To night, dear classmates, we stand as it were, in the last kind glow of ruddy light that leaps up from the hearth stone of our Alma Mater ; a few brief hours and we must depart forever from under her protecting roof-tree. No more in the sunny, breezy days of September, shall we return to take up our residence within these walls ; our destination will henceforth be elsewhere. We leave you dear old Varsity and leaving you we love you. We trust that in future, the people of Ottawa, always staunch friends and true supporters of your every interest, will continue to bestow on you their kind patronage. We may, (who knows) never again stand within these walls, but this much at least, we can say with certainty,—we will ever look back with pride to the days of our student life in Ottawa University, and will never lose an opportunity of serving our Alma Mater. Bountiful Mother, to you, to the people of Ottawa, to whom every one of us is indebted for so many favors, to this fair city we must say good-bye.

Reverend Faculty, and professors of the University—Hard indeed, is the task which we are called upon to perform to-night. The time has come when the bond of affection which unites you to the class of 1900 must be severed. But before we leave you we wish to say that your kindness, your fidelity, and especially the noble example of your lives, have engraved themselves so deeply on our memory that time can not efface them, that we are your lasting friends. Now as never before do we understand all that you have done for us, how much of gratitude, how much of love