

attention; and other matters connected with the approaching anniversary will give little time for amusement. The Seniors look upon the departure of their fellow-students with regret. To many perhaps it will be a final separation. The various aims and purposes of so large a body of young men will necessarily remove them to widely different scenes and incline them to different pursuits; hence the probability of the Class of '85 ever meeting all their fellow-students again is doubtful. But though old associations must be renounced, old friendships and recollections will still linger in their minds; the joyous laugh of a college chum or the melody of an old college song will float down the years and echo through the corridors of memory even after age may have whitened the locks, and care left its impress on the brow. The class of '85 take this opportunity to wish all the other classes a pleasant and prosperous college career, and to express the hope that, in the remaining years of their course, they will strive to maintain those friendly relations among themselves and that courteous and deferential attitude towards their instructors which has characterized the students during the year that is about to close.

FIFTEEN years ago there was established for a few months in the geographical heart of this Dominion an independent power, with Louis Riel as its President. To-day, some five hundred miles to the north-west of the scene of the former rebellion, the same evil genius bids defiance to constituted authority. That the half breeds in arms have not had cause for complaints few would perhaps be ready to affirm. But that they, in permitting the murderer of Thomas Scott to utilise their discontent for the purpose of gratifying a vain ambition, have taken the wrong course, all will agree. In response to the call to arms, troops from different provinces are hurrying to the front. Toronto University alone among Canadian Colleges has the honour of sending a company. One *Acadia* graduate, C. W. Bradshaw, '83, a law student, has enlisted for active service in a Winnipeg corps. Who can tell how great an influence this union of Canadians in an enterprise of life and death may have in breaking down sectional prejudices and upbuilding a truly national life? Canadians have in times past proved themselves men of true mettle; and, when duty calls, they will

ever respond in a manner which justifies a like expression with regard to this Canada of ours to that which Douglas used in *Henry IV* :

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Spoke of in Scotland as this term of fear.

THE term is rapidly drawing to a close. In a few days a large proportion of the students will be bidding farewell to the familiar scenes and pleasant associations of college life and hailing the return of the holidays with a joyous enthusiasm which only a college student can fully understand. While the old halls of Acadia, the well remembered walks, the companionship of kindred spirits have invested College Hill with a charm never to be forgotten; still they are all exchanged with hardly a sigh of regret for the more delightful and sacred associations of home life. While we would pity the student who has never known the subduing yet elevating influences of a well regulated home, we feel like despising the one who having such a home could permit baser attractions to exclude its memory from his heart or to divert his thoughts from the "old roof tree." There is sometimes a feeling among a certain class of students that it is unmanly and girlish to betray any attachment for their homes or any interest in those who live there. We believe that few students of this description can be found in Acadia. Indeed they are usually little credit to any institution, for they too often exhibit marked indication of mental or moral weakness. The student who is sincerely attached to his home with all that the word implies, possesses a safeguard against the vices of average social life and a check on the ruder tendencies of youthful nature the value of which he himself can never estimate. This feeling should be cultivated; it tends to true culture; it inspires the student with a manly sympathy and gentleness and fills him with an exalted ambition. When he leaves his home he should feel that he does not leave its influence behind, but that it will accompany him like a beneficent presence to cheer and strengthen him in a world where there is so much to dampen youthful ardour, and darken and embitter the fresh young spirit; hence when the hour comes for returning he will have the assurance that here at least he can close the door upon the busy rushing world and find rest