

hour of temptation. The young man, the middle aged man and the old man register by their conduct the efficiency of the philosophy, that is found at the base of the educational system from which their characters draw sustenance.

The faculty of this University planned the progress of each member of the class of 1913 from the day of your entrance to this eventful Commencement Day. Through all the intervening years, each stage of your education has been correlated with the preceding and succeeding stages, and never, not even for a day, has your port been forgotten. You have reached it to-day by a route prescribed by religion and education. You have not frittered away any of your time on side trips to the barren Island of Fads, the graveyard of the educational sea, whose shores are strewn with the remains of pedagogical and psychological theories. Your evolution has been consistent, a solid foundation was laid, each story of your education was built "in the light not only of educational experience but also of our Catholic faith, and in that light your professors undertake to solve educational problems, not for one day, nor one year, nor one generation, but for all the years and all the generations to come, so long as man shall need to walk in the light of faith and with the help of his education towards his eternal home with God."

In any community the water supply is of paramount importance. Whether drawn from the majestic river as it courses to the sea or from a reservoir on the hilltop, through the arteries of mains beneath the city streets the water is carried into the homes to purify and strengthen. Ottawa University has been since its foundation a reservoir of education not merely for this city, but beyond, throughout this province of Ontario, and this Dominion of Canada and into the United States have gone forth alumni. The ideals of the Oblates have been impressed on their students, and if the doors of this noble seat of learning should be closed to-day, the historian must record that Ottawa University was dedicated to God, that it taught its students loyalty to country, that liberty was here preached through obedience to law.

Young gentlemen you will not long remember what is here said to you to-day. In that you will but repeat the history of your fellow graduates. Be not cast down even if tomorrow you cannot recall all that was proffered on this occasion. Ideas find complete expression in action. If your lives are complete expressions of the lessons you have learned within these halls, no matter what the future may have in store, success must be written across your careers as Christian citizens and Catholic gentlemen.