

another Roman Cornelia she proudly points to these and says, "Behold my jewels." See to it that you make your aim to bring to this body more of benefit and of honor than you can yourselves receive from it. In this, as in all positions in which you may be placed, endeavor by your life and conduct, to ennoble and dignify the position, rather than expect the position to ennoble and dignify you.

You are going forth as graduates at a time when the prospects of your Alma Mater are brighter than at any other period in her history. A temporary loss of numbers, caused by an advance in the standard of scholarship, is now being followed by an accession, without in the least lowering the standard, but rather advancing it: and there is reasonable ground for hope that, in a few years more Swarthmore will be filled by College students only, without the presence of a Preparatory School. A careful study of the situation for the past few years will show a decided progress in this direction. And side by side with the intellectual advancement of the College, the progress of physical development is keeping equal step. Physiology and Hygiene, the study of our own bodies and of the laws of health, are taking their proper rank and importance among the other studies of the course—and as a practical outcome of this the subject of Athletics has received a marked impulse during the present year—and "Mens sana in corpore sano" is the watchword of to-day.

The endowment of professorships is the one thing now needed to place the College in a safe position for the future, and toward this end we trust that you, with your fellow Alumni, will strive without ceasing. That we have not secured more endowments in these seventeen years of the beginning of the College need not be cause of discouragement when we reflect that a generation is to be educated before this need will be widely felt and acknowledged, and when, too, we consider the experience of sister institutions in this regard we may well take heart, for we have now, although, as yet, no endowed professorships, nearly \$200,000 of endowment, with 162 graduates, while our neighboring College at Princeton had but \$12,000 after sending forth 2700 graduates, many of whom were men of large influence among their fellows.

I say then that you are going forth from your Alma Mater to enter upon life's duties at a time when the hopes and prospects of your College are brighter than ever before. Watch her progress jealously as Alumni, and see ye to it that she takes no backward steps. In the express words of your class motto, which adorns these walls to-day—"*As Recedamus*"—always be ready, with voice, pen, purse, to favor every change that strengthens her teaching force, adds to her facilities for imparting instruction, and advances her rank among her sister colleges. To this end see to it, so far as your influence extends, that she

does not languish for want of adequate endowments.

But while the College is steadily advancing in its intellectual training and physical culture, we trust that you who go forth from the influence of this College-home, will ever prove, by what you do, and what you leave undone in your daily walks, that in the education here received the kindly graces of a truly Christian character have not been overlooked nor neglected. May you prove to have learned in all of your investigations of the wonderful secrets of nature, that science is not, and never can be, the opponent, but that it is always rather the handmaid of true religion. Ours is the simple faith of the Religious Society of Friends, which we claim to be but the plain and practical teachings of Jesus of Nazareth; or Christianity restored to its primitive simplicity, without the additions of later times. But whatever religious views you may have imbibed in the course of your studies here, we should regret to believe that the training received at Swarthmore had given you any narrow or sectarian bias, but should hope that it had taught you that all who worship God in singleness of heart are accepted of him, and objects of favor in the Divine sight, whatsoever forms of faith they may adopt, or by whatsoever name they may be called. The highest and best culture ever bears this liberalizing and broadening effect upon the mind as its choicest fruit. While, therefore, those of you who are Friends, have become, we trust, better Friends for the teaching which you have here received, we believe that those who are not, have learned to respect the principles of our Religious Society, and that both and all have learned the important lesson of liberality; and that, although widely differing in our religious views, we are all, if equally sincere, equally in the line of our duty, equally acceptable in the Divine sight.

The time has not yet come, and it may be long in coming, when Swarthmore can fully compete with the older colleges of the country in the high standard of the scholarship attained, but there is one thing which comes before a scholarship, and without which the highest culture is but a mockery and a delusion, a frightful source of evil and not of good, and that one thing is a noble manly and womanly Christian character. That you and all who go forth from these walls, class after class, may be thus pre-eminent, and may prove to the world the inestimable value of a higher education under a guarded religious care, in its manifest effect upon your life and conduct, is the most earnest wish of your Alma Mater, as she now bids you an affectionate farewell.—*From Friends' Intelligencer and Journal.*

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