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The vision of the future is always dim for weak human eyes, clouded as they are by the vicissitudes of life on earth, where one change follows fast on the heels of another, and the passing hour is hurried on to the ir retrievable past by its urgent successor, which in its turn will meet the fate it dealt out to the previous one. Thus are men cast into the whirl of changing circumstance and they have much ado to take account even of the living present and so we are forbidden by an inevitable necessity to brood over the past and even to forecast the future, excepting what is closely impending.

Why, then, should we attempt to look forward into the future of Assumption College? Our labor is almost certain to have been spent in vain. And yet the future grows out of the past and present, and on these as foundations we must prepare for the building of the future.

For fifty years Assumption College has prepared young men for the great struggle of life. She has taught the true values of human ambitions and inculcated the lesson of eternal life with a standard of evaluation that takes into account the eternal relations of each human act. By insisting on this point of view it has led many young hearts to aspire to the highest of all vocations—the service of Jesus Christ in the holy priesthood. This has been the happy fruit of her labors and her proudest boast on the day of her Golden Jubilee. We venture to predict that Assumption will never forsake this noble ideal.

There are, however, other fields to be supplied with zealous, skilled and disciplined workers and the age is demanding laborers ever more and more peremptorily. The learned professions, the mechanical arts, commercial and political life are sorely in need of the right kind of workers,—not self-seeking men whose one guiding principle is worldly gain, but honest Christian workmen, whose lives will be as a leaven to season with virtue the great mass of Labor. One looks with anxious forebodings upon the spectacle of a world at war with itself, where class struggle is the settled and ordinary state of the social order, and the signs seem to presage a world catastrophe more destructive to human happiness than the great World War. Legislation has failed to meet the exigencies of the times and there is no prospect that the future will see any greater success. It is becoming more evident every day that a new method of solving these difficult problems must be invented. Legislation has grown and always will grow out of the conditions that exist at the moment. It is notoriously opportunist in its aims. Legislators are driven hither and thither by the waves of popular