

Such events as these remind all of us of our undergraduate days, with their trials and pleasures. We are caused to remember with pleasure how in those days we sped down the railroad of life, enjoying the fleeting scenes, and episodes of College life. We recall, with considerable regret, the junctions where the life paths of some of our associates diverged from ours, and with deepest sorrow the stations where some of them dropped off, went out of our lives forever, were carried from this land of sorrows into the land of shades.

I have been asked by the worthy President of your Athletic Association to say something of the ex-students of this College in their relation to the British Empire. I shall, therefore, confine my remarks to two points of consideration, viz.—What have the ex-Students done for the Empire, and what has the Empire done for them.

The graduates of this Institution, though young it is as colleges go, now make a goodly number, nearly one thousand eight hundred in all. These have all passed from beneath the protecting dome of their Alma Mater and are grappling with the realistic problems of life, winning positions of trust and honor for themselves, establishing a reputation for this Institution, and over and above all this, by their progressiveness in agriculture, making material additions to the resources of the Empire, and thereby increasing her stability and solidity.

They are endeavoring to justify the progressive spirit shown by the Hon. Minister of Agriculture in advancing the interests of the Ontario Agricultural College in the teeth of a gale of adverse criticism.

Thus, by following their peaceful pursuits as agriculturists, have the ex-students of this institution endeavored to justify their British citizenship and to reflect credit upon this College, the fountain of their knowledge and inspiration.

The British people are naturally law-abiding and peaceable, desiring a universal brotherhood, as becomes a nation well in the van of civilization. But, as in the lives of individuals, the calmness of our life horizon may be suddenly darkened by thick clouds of trouble and unrest, so also in the life of a nation. No time more opportune, and no place more appropriate than this for speaking of the danger which lately threatened the integrity