

you used to us, "With all your faults we love you still," and from the bottom of our hearts we wish you well.

To the years now in college let me say, so far you all have borne yourselves well and manly, and I need not tell you to cherish the honor of old Queen's, for you could not help but do so. Imitate and improve upon our virtues; forget our faults and avoid our errors.

And now, beloved Alma Mater, we do not care to say good-bye to you, for though we may be absent from you, yet we trust that your spirit will be ever more and more with us, and that we may be privileged in days to come to assist you not only materially, but also to enlarge the flow of your invigorating and wholesome influence, as it streams on through our fair Canada into the whole arena of life.

Queen's is not supported by governments, nor is she blessed as yet with many millionaires, but she has got a surer stay. Any mother who can take hold of the affections of her stalwart sons shall never want; and our Alma Mater has sown the germs of pure loyalty in our hearts, for she has inspired the most lofty reverence and has captured our holiest affections.

We who have breathed her pure elevating atmosphere for the past four years, been nurtured by her loving hand, and have drunk from her pure fountains of inspiration, we go forth with the high ambition that we may be worthy sons and daughters of such a noble Alma Mater, and in going we say farewell.

Theology Valedictory.

Mr. Chancellor, Gentlemen of Convocation, Students and Friends of Queen's:

To my lot has fallen the duty of attempting to say a few words on behalf of the graduating class in Theology.

As a class we have now reached the end of a somewhat long course, covering in most cases seven or even eight years. But as we look back to-day it is not the length of the course that impresses us. On the contrary, we would all join in saying that it has been all too short, and it is with a twinge of sadness that we think of leaving these halls which so long have been our home.

We find it impossible to indicate precisely what we have received here. No inconsiderable part of the benefit is an undefinable something which has come to us so gradually and imperceptibly that we find ourselves unable to say what it is or when it came. Yet of all our college training we feel that it is the most valuable, because it is most truly and inseparably our own. Once the ideals of our college course was the accumulation of facts, and we looked forward to the time when we should be veritable

walking encyclopædias. It is needless to say that that time has never come and that that ideal has never been realized. In fact it has ceased to be an ideal for us, and while we still recognize the importance of facts we feel that a more important thing is to be able to maintain our individuality amid the masses of facts, to rise above them and marshal them and master them so that they may serve us and not hopelessly swamp our manhood. This we feel it has been the object of our Alma Mater to develop in us. What we like best in her is that she has never done violence to our individuality and our manhood. Her constant aim has been to make us men, and for any failure to realize this high aim we hold not her but ourselves responsible. Our leaders in thought and study have dealt with us as with conscientious men and have sought to bring us face to face with truth. They have all valued truth above theories and dogmas, and we believe have striven above all things to cultivate in us the independent truth-loving spirit, the disposition to see and to seek the light for ourselves.

As we look back over the years of our course we see in our Alma Mater many changes and developments. We rejoice in these evidences of prosperity and in the extended influence which they involve. On these developments it is necessary to dwell in detail. Every friend of Queen's is familiar with them. We prefer to speak of the spirit which we believe has inspired these advances and which will lead the way to greater achievements.

We have heard it remarked by one who should know that the aim of Queen's is to be the home of ideas, and it is an aim which is being consistently and steadily realized. To-day she occupies a foremost place among the educational institutions of our land and is having a strong influence in blending into one scattered ray of truth, and in writing in sympathy liberal-minded, truth-loving men of every class. Her aim is unity and harmony. Truth of every kind she welcomes, for all truth is one. Social welfare and culture and religion she views together, and so makes truth realizable and realized. The old division of sacred and secular she has transcended. Every true and lawful thing to her is sacred, the only secular is the sinful, the insincere, the unmanly.

We count it a high privilege to be permitted to spend so many years amid surroundings so elevating, and our hope is that we may have imbibed something of the spirit of our Alma Mater. We go forth now to take our places as men in the world. We ask for no standing in the community because of the coat we wear or of the position we may occupy. If we cannot justify, as men, our right to recognition we ask for no consideration from any