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**ADDRESS TO NORMAL STUDENTS.\***

I am sure that you will pardon me if I address myself exclusively to the young friends whose interests have called us together on this happy occasion.

To you, therefore, class of '96, it is my pleasing duty and privilege to say a few parting words on behalf of the professors and instructors of this institution; and, lest I forget where I stand and the well-known law that brevity is an important characteristic of strong diction, and thus go on speaking to you for an hour as usual, I have taken the precaution of committing my words to writing.

I desire, first of all, to thank you for the kind words which your valedictorians have been pleased to utter in your behalf. That we appreciate the kindness of heart that prompt such expressions goes without saying; that they give us genuine pleasure, even though our professorial toes are gently but kindly trodden upon, could only be expected, seeing that we are but ordinary flesh and blood, and partake of the frailties of the same.

The joy, so plainly manifest in every face before me this afternoon, is but the reflection of that which your instructors feel when, looking down through the coming years,

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\*Given at the closing exercises of the McGill Normal School, by Professor A. W. Kneeland.