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DELIVERED BY MR. J. A. MEEHAN, B.A., B. PH., AT COMMENCEMENT,
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Your Grace, Reverend Fathers, Ladies and Gentlemen :—Another scholastic year has rolled into the mighty ocean of the past, and another commencement day is at hand. The all-important day for the class of 1900 has arrived. This is the event we have been looking forward to so eagerly during all the long, tedious years of our under-graduate life. This hour of supreme triumph which we have often dreamed of, so often despaired of ever reaching, the alluring fascination of which at each commencement, awakened in us new resolves for perseverance to the end,—this hour, at last, has come, and brought with it the reward of all our toil, the first great triumph of our young lives. Oh! how inexpressibly pleasurable it is, to know that the object we aimed at is within our grasp, and no cruel fate can intervene to disappoint us, to know that at last all doubt, and uncertainty is past, that we have safely reached the end of our course.

Commencement day always brings joy to the heart of every student, for it marks his ascent one step higher on the rugged path which leads to the eminence of science, and means his promotion to a higher class. How much more so, then should it not