

an active life with more dignity or more resignation. In his farewell words to McGill he said: "My connection with this University has been filled with anxieties and cares, and with continuous and almost unremitting labor." Still, nothing but failing health could have driven him from his post. Those who for years watched his strenuous and honorable career must have found satisfaction in the circumstances of its close. They could have wished for him no greater reward than the peace of mind and the happy surroundings which were his to the last.

ADDRESS DELIVERED

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THE first part of the very honorable duty which the Technical Instruction Committee and the School Board of this City have called me to discharge to-night, is to offer our sincere congratulations to those to whom scholarships or exhibitions have been awarded or renewed. It is a great event in life to gain an intellectual distinction in such competitions as are some of these. Doubtless among the many students present this evening there are some who will be called hereafter to very high positions in the scientific or industrial world, but, whatever lies before them, the encouragement they have now earned in their early studies will remain in their memories as a cherished possession.

To them the scholarship they have now gained will be valuable, not simply as a pecuniary help, still less as a merely personal distinction (that feeling soon fades away), but as giving them permission to advance to a higher stage of the study in which they are engaged. That is the true value of an intellectual success. It opens the door to fresh efforts, and imposes new obligations. But shall we not agree that by far the happiest part of gaining any scholarship is, that it gives pleasure

to one's parents and friends. I suspect there are many parents here who rejoice over their son's or daughter's success far more than the successful candidates themselves. They are to be congratulated on their children's industry, and self-denial and concentration of purpose, thus rewarded by the educational authorities of this great city.

But I confess that I would reserve my heartiest congratulations for those who, whether they have actually won scholarships or not, have in the course of their studies, previous to the competition, discovered the pleasure of hard intellectual work, and, what their hands have found to do, have done it with all their might. To have strengthened one's hold on that is worth many scholarships and much brilliant ability.

It is impossible to see this gathering without feeling, more deeply than before, the significance of national education at the present time. Those young people who are about to enter on practical life are not likely, so far as any one can forecast the future, to have a very easy time ahead. The strain will grow greater. Things are going to get much more difficult for every one of them. The struggle for every young

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