

tributed, and now her honor is concerned to respect and satisfy it. The very fact that this College nestles under the shadow of Old McGill, is a warrant that the highest facilities for intellectual culture are available to all our students. In our own class-rooms we have been instructed by men who exercise a legitimate freedom of opinion, which insures a degree of originality and of independence of thought on the part of the students, who thus go forth bearing no distinctive stamp save that of their own personality.

The time calls for manliness in the preacher of the gospel. The highlander's criticism of three successive ministers of a certain parish ran thus: "Our first was a man but he was not a minister; our second was a minister but he was not a man; and the one we have at present is neither a man nor a minister." The people demand that their minister be a man. The cloth cannot defend softness of character and weakly sentimentalism from popular contempt. If any graduate leave the Presbyterian College, Montreal, with no stamp of manliness upon him, it is because there is nothing manly in him; for here manliness and openness of character is the only passport to the respect and confidence of the student body.

The class of '97 is the largest that has yet graduated from these halls. Though it has been said that we are "too numerous to mention," I cannot refrain from making some personal references. Not only have we of our number a student who has won for himself brilliant distinction as a scholar, we have men who have achieved some reputation as orators or literateurs, and one who can gracefully touch the strings of Apollo's lute. Nor do I forget our pleasant Armenian fellow-student, who, though much enamored of our fair country and free institutions, purposes now returning to his native land to labor among his fellow-countrymen. My classmates, may we all be kindly enshrined in each other's memories, and in after years when we meet in little groups of two or three to talk over old college days, may we find that time has but cast an additional halo about them.