

profession—Iain great stress upon punctuality and the keeping of all engagements I am here, and I am glad that I am here, glad to have the opportunity of revisiting scenes which bring back to me many of the happiest incidents of my life, glad to return and find that good old Queen's is more firmly rooted than ever on the Old Ontario Strand, and with prospects brighter than ever for the widening of her sphere of usefulness. And just here I might say it is about time that this country realized more fully than she has heretofore the obligation under which she rests to this University. It is about time the country should understand how essential this University is and has been to the upbuilding of our National life and how much greater her influence might be under certain and more favorable conditions.

It may be that I am prejudiced in the matter, but I give my opinion for what it is worth, that in this country there is no single institution that is doing as much as this University toward the upbuilding of a strong, healthy, self-reliant public sentiment among the people, and if I, a mere political novice, may venture to suggest why her influence has been and is so potent in this direction I should say it is because in those branches of study which have more particularly to do with mental training and with the application of philosophy to public polity the faculty of this University is peculiarly strong having within it the recognized leaders in Canada in these branches of Higher Education.

To my friends of the Graduating Class, particularly, I have only a few words to say. I do not feel competent to discuss anything technical with you, and I do not feel disposed to go sufficiently into personal reminiscence to point out those pitfalls which should be avoided in order to be successful. I will therefore only bring this one matter before you. That there is ample opportunity for the exercise of all your energies and for the application of all your learning in our own country without of necessity having to go to a foreign land giving to it the benefit of your life work. I have done some little travelling myself in my time and I give it to you as my honest conviction that no where in the world are there such opportunities for young men in any walk in life as there are here in Canada; and besides there is certainly no country that can so ill afford to lose any of its native-born