

privations, who, while enforcing the discipline so necessary to the attainment of the object for which all meet under one roof, will do so in a spirit which commands affectionate respect. No doubt the popular picture of the melancholy lonely governess is, sometimes, a truth, but we have little to do with such facts in Canadian schools. Our social position, without seeking to take a single step beyond that which legitimately belongs to it, is one which procures for us the society of the best educated and most enlightened persons of the city; and if our talents have real merit, they will not be unappreciated.

And now, it remains to me to bid adieu to my young friends, for a season, that we may seek repose and change, to fit us for another year's work. It may, or may not be the last occasion, when, in the providence of God, I shall be called upon to fulfil this, my yearly office; but there is a solemnity that attaches to actions performed for the last time, which I feel at this moment. To many among you I shall not speak again, in the capacity of teacher, and therefore my thoughts dwell on you now with an affectionate earnestness, which cannot but result from our long and pleasant intercourse. How mingled are the feelings! What pleasure and what sorrow meet in this parting! I thank God, that in some of you I can take an honest pride, as in those who have done their best here, to prepare for a more extensive scene of action elsewhere. I have noted with gratitude the growth of high principle, and the expansion of thought among you; and I am confident, that having done your utmost to improve the opportunities peculiar to your youth, you will not neglect the duties of riper years. I do not say this only to the clever and successful girl, who will go home to-day, with tangible proofs of her industry in her hand, but to her also who is conscious of having worked patiently and well, although she may have gained none of the honours of our little community. And now, your school career is