

the success of your University with the students of Medicine, Science and Arts, owning a common *Alma Mater* and devoted to her honor, her aggrandizement and her welfare.

A most important and pleasing part of my duty yet remains unfulfilled, and I know I would incur the censure, if not the wrath of those I represent here to-day, did I not return thanks to the Ladies who honor and grace this hall by their presence on this occasion. The thoughts of a mother and sister have oftentimes soled the weary student in the midnight hour, and his greatest ambition is to meet with their approbation, and I feel confident that I express the sentiment of my fellow graduates in saying that we have been rewarded to a considerable extent for our toil and labor by the presence here to-day of the wit, fashion and beauty of Montreal. We do not bid the Ladies farewell; on the contrary, we desire to announce that, now, our chains of bondage are broken, we are open to all kinds of contracts and engagements, legal, commercial and otherwise. . . .

#### *Fellow Graduates :*

Side by side in pleasure and toil have we struggled together for the last three years with the same pursuits, the same interests and the same object in view.

Although some have fallen out on the way, we can still congratulate ourselves on being one of the largest classes of the Faculty of law. Our daily discussion of questions, both political and legal, although engaged in at times with great spirit and earnestness, has never marred that brotherly feeling which has always characterized our class.

Our college days have cultivated friendships and interwoven pleasantness never to be forgotten and never to be erased from the heart. To-day we have met together as a unit for the last time. Soon will we set sail on the same sea of science. The profession we have chosen is a dignified and an honorable one; from us it requires no eulogy; and if I have attempted a word in its praise, it is only that we may never forget the importance of the sacred duties we are about to undertake; that our great aim should be to become worthy of the name of Advocate, and to throw a lustre on that profession of which we have only laid the foundation. True it is, we can never expect to reach the heights of perfection in the attainments of legal knowledge, for to explore its caverns, trace its labyrinths and drain its resources, would require far more time than the brief term of existence allotted to us by Providence.

We may properly compare the science to which we have applied ourselves, to a great and mighty river, whose resources none can ever exhaust, but from which we can ever receive refreshing draughts.

In acquitting ourselves of the duties of our profession we must not forget our duty to society; for, whether we are practising as advocates or are placed in responsible and important positions in the State, the people of our country will expect us to lead them in the van and we must not disappoint them.

Owing to the extreme uncertainty of life we cannot foretell the result of the voyage we are about to

undertake, but whether our journey be long or short, let us so conduct ourselves that it may be said of each one of us, as has been said of others: *that man was an ornament to the legal profession and an honor to his country.*

The Principal then expressed his regret that an accident, fortunately not of a serious nature, prevented the Dean of the Faculty of Applied Science from being present, and from announcing the great benefactions made to that Faculty, but a printed statement of these had been distributed in the hall, and Dr. Harrington would announce the results of the examinations.

Dr. Harrington shortly referred to the bequest of the late Mr. Thomas Workman of \$120,000 to found a department of mechanical engineering and to provide the necessary workshops, and the stimulus given by this announcement influencing many of our citizens, who are directly or indirectly connected with the industrial arts and trades, still further to aid in extending the work of the faculty, the result being numerous subscriptions, amounting approximately to upwards of \$25,000. Mr. McDonald's still larger gift to erect a technical building, containing thermodynamic, hydraulic and electrical laboratories, laboratories for testing the strength of materials, museum, library, lecture rooms and drawing rooms. Work on the buildings is to be proceeded with at once, and it is expected that the workshops will be available for use early in next session. He referred to the pamphlet prepared by the Dean and to the announcement of the Faculty for further details as to the new buildings and the apparatus and appliances with which they would be furnished, which would far exceed any thing of the kind hitherto provided in this Dominion.

Prof. Harrington then read the list of graduates, which was as follows:

R. S. Lea, E. E. S. Mattice, Orrin Rexford, Albert Howard Hawkins, W. Simeon Denison, Charles Herbert Elliott, C. Bowditch Reed, P. W. Redpath, G. W. Mooney, P. N. Evans, Arthur E. Shu tlworth, W. Small, S. Calvert and R. H. Jamieson.

The list of prizes and honours was also read, and the successful students called up to receive them, after which the degree was conferred.

Mr. Percy N. Evans read the valedictory as follows:—

*Your Excellency, Mr. Chancellor, Members of Convocation, Fellow Students, Ladies and Gentlemen:—*

The subject of my address this afternoon, may be found on the 124th page of one of our college song books. Here the expression "Farewell" is used, and the writer goes on to say,—

"No human sound on earth more drear,  
"In this world's course there ever fell  
"Than Ah! 'Farewell.'"

Another poet, however, says,

"Of all sad words of tongue or pen  
"The saddest are these—"It might have been";