

we have come, shine through the mist, hovering round the events of the past, and mark the days longest to be remembered—not necessarily because of some wonderful excursion into the realms of knowledge, nor because of some magnificent discovery made; not necessarily because of some brilliant deed accomplished, nor some unusual triumph won; but just as probably because of some little simple scene, important to no one but the individual to whom it now appears after the lapse of time, with a vividness never to be effaced. Ah, yes, the "Centuries" have come and gone! They would gladly live over again many of the experiences whose visions float airily through the mind; they would gladly pass over the way again, if only that the steps might be firmer and surer than during the journey just ended. But it cannot be; "we pass this way but once," and as we tear ourselves from dreams of the happy little chain of years spent in our beloved *Alma Mater*, and extend a hearty "bon voyage" to her present students, we do so with the opening words of the little poem, dear to the childish heart long days before college scenes unfolded themselves, and changed slightly for our purpose:

"Among the beautiful pictures
That hang on Memory's wall,
Is one of our dear old Victoria,
That seemeth the best of all."

M. L. B., '00.

Missionary and Religious.

"The Truth Shall Make You Free."

I AM asked to write briefly on some theme in relation to the College which has touched my life. My task should prove an easy one, for in a very deep and real sense the college has touched my life—my deep inner heart-life, as distinguished (if it can be) from my mental and social life. To me Victoria has been indeed an *Alma Mater* and it is of her benign and fostering care that I desire to speak.

I came to Victoria at the critical period of life. I was beginning to think for myself, and I had already discovered that many things were not as I had considered them to be. I entered her halls with a strong faith and with an intensity of religious life, but that faith and that life were related to many conceptions, which I had formed I