

regard to the essential nature of mind itself. As well might we say that the real nature of the Infinite might change. It were as sound to say that necessary moral distinctions may give place to something foreign to themselves. When we consider that a sense of religion is as much an integral part of our being as reason itself how can we say the old order which has its ground in God Himself—can change to any thing new. If this is true—and true it is—then old fashioned repentance and unquestioning faith in a supreme moral order is as necessary as ever. The breaking down of stubborn wills and the renewal of the inner life will always be demanded, by reason of the constitution of our being. Then, my fellow-students, look well to the highest demand of your reason. Realize within you what is approved of by your highest powers. Many words of friendly advice might be given. My own experience could lead me to indulge in many personal remarks but I must refrain from doing so. I have stated broad truths instead of dealing with special facts. I have simply reminded you of that which you have already experienced. It is not the part of wisdom to parade before the public all the imperfections of our College life. It is sufficient to say that when we aim and strive to realize the high ideal expressed by the admonition “Be Strong” all other things shall be added unto you. When the idea of true development is received by us in the spirit of willingness no arbitrary rules of conduct need be laid down. The special acts of life will be in harmony with the widest and most perfect law for the guidance of all right action. Each student will regard himself not only as a member of the University but as a citizen. In our studies, right habits will be created and sustained. Our moral tone will be heightened. Our religious life will be fuller and richer. Each and all will constitute themselves, as those who by position and privilege, are demanded to realize to some fitting degree, the truth of the words “Be Strong.”

Class Prophecy.

“Perhaps the witch of Vendome may reveal wonders to you.” These were the parting words of the guide who having proceeded, with the others of our party, to examine some recent excavations, had left me behind to rest during their absence. It was Bengazi in Egypt, the mighty Mediterranean of which I had studied away back in my childhood days,