

and that is the new relation in which the graduate stands to the university, and which he not infrequently does not seem distinctly to comprehend. The student is under the tuition and control of a faculty. This relation ceases at once on his graduation. He no longer belongs to McGill College as such, or to any faculty of it, but to the university as a whole. As a student he was in a state of pupilage, being shaped and fitted by the hand of masters for the place he is to occupy. As a graduate he has left the workshop and has been set up on his own pedestal, in presence not merely of his classmates, but of the world. As a student he is fed with milk and nourished as a child of the university, as a graduate he earns his own manly food and may hold out his strong arm to sustain the mother that has nursed him. Graduates should keep these things in mind, and should be prepared to weigh well their true relation to the university, which now entails grave duties of aid and support rather than advantages to be enjoyed by them, and which connects these duties with the university as a whole rather than with any particular college or faculty.

The graduates are a great and increasing element in the constitution of the university. Individually the success in life of every graduate is a recommendation of his university, and he has much power to advance its interests both by commending it to others and by giving it, as many have done, substantial aid. Collectively the graduates can do much as a society, by aiding in our struggles against obstacles which meet us in this province, by promoting all improvements and movements in advance, by placing us in better relations with non-academical world; and in general by lending their countenance and support in every way to the cause of higher education. Much of this legitimately belongs to the Graduates' society; and it would seem that the time has arrived when this might enlarge itself by having, as in the case with the large American universities, branches in various parts of the country. Above all, under the constitution, the graduates enjoy a large share of influence in the corporation. Sometimes this is measured by their number of direct representatives, but that is a mistake. Eight members in a body of forty-four may seem to be a small representation, but in our corporation there are at present nine other graduates who