

Vestigia Retrorsum:

*A Poem read at the Golden
Jubilee of St. Michael's College,
Toronto, Ontario, April 28th,
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Gather we here to-night, O comrades dear,
To greet with love and joy this Golden Year !
We bring to crown thee, Alma Mater fond,
The flowers our hearts so long have held in
bond.

For fifty years thy faith has led the way
And filled each night with splendor of the day ;
For fifty years thy kind and gentle hand
Has led our wayward footsteps thro' the land.

Here then to-night we cluster round thy feet
And storm with love the old maternal seat,
Where Faith and Science shed their radiant
light,
And Truth has reared for us an altar bright ;
Students of long ago, grey-bearded boys,
With increment of love if not of noise,
We meet across the years that bind our brow,
Some captains, pilots, watchers on the prow.