

I fully understand it now. It is true it is the commencement in a new course of life, but oh! is it not the ending of the brightest, happiest days we will ever spend on earth?

When first we entered the ancestral halls of our Alma Mater with what eagerness we scanned the future, but how vague it appeared. Often did Fancy rock our wayward brains and carry us into the future to the time when we would be seniors and claim our rights as such. As we witnessed the departure of our predecessors how much we longed for the time when we would stand in their places bidding farewell. How happy we thought they should be freed from those ever-perplexing studies with one vast holiday before them. To-night we are permitted to stand, and now we realize what false ideas we then entertained. To-night we meet as class-mates, to-morrow we bid farewell, henceforth to be but friends.

You who have never stood where we now stand cannot realize what we feel. You do not know what it is to part with a class of sweet girl friends, with those who have been your constant companions for years and have proven themselves true friends. How can our feelings be other than those of mingled joy and sorrow? Joy to think we have accomplished something and are better prepared to go forth on life's battles, but extreme sorrow to think the ties of friendship which have bound us so closely to one another are so soon to be snapped asunder by the remorseless hand of time. Sorrow to think we have to part with those who have been ever ready to encourage our efforts, and whose advice to us has been invaluable. We rejoice to think we have been allowed the privilege of being so closely associated with those whose influence has moulded our lives and are to-night graduates of a college to which we will ever be proud to claim relationship. We feel we can show ourselves worthy of our Alma Mater only in so far as we endeavor to entwine in our practical life the excellent principles learned within her walls and prove true to mankind by being true to ourselves and to our God. To-night we stand upon the brink of a mighty ocean, in which the paths are as many and devious as those of the natural ocean. A

stormy sea may await us, but we feel certain our little craft with Truth as her pilot will at last safely anchor us in the haven we desire. We cannot bid farewell to our Alma Mater as we do to you our friends. It is true we will no longer have the privilege to frequent her halls as students, but will not her interests be as our own? Will we not be ever ready to rejoice with her in prosperity and weep with her should calamity come? To-night we rejoice in the prosperity which has hitherto attended her but we feel that she is still capable of greater achievements with our worthy principal at her head.

To you, our fellow-students who are to return to complete the course, we entrust the honor of our Alma Mater for we know you too will take pride in defending her. Live college life at its best. Learn to appreciate and improve the opportunities you are here given and at last you will be accounted worthy of reward. We thank you for the lessons you have taught us, they too have been powerful aids in the improvement of our characters. We wish you every success and we will watch with interest your college life. And so school-mates, though absent, we ask a place in your memories.

Classmates, that long-looked-for day has at last arrived, we have reached the acme of our desires; but let us remember as we go forth our lives will be what we ourselves make them. To-night those cords which have so closely bound us to one another are to be cruelly snapped in twain.

"We have met in halls of learning,
We have chatted by the way,
Now in parting comes a yearning,
Longing wish that each might stay.
Why must we so early sever
Ties so strongly binding each?
Why not live forever,
Thus within each other's reach?"
Slowly sadly the answer comes from afar,
Each has her work allotted follow that.
Guiding Star."

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