

Valedictory

The class of 1948 closes its books on a year filled with many new experiences. Close review allows us to evaluate and take stock. On the credit side we shall find much knowledge, new ideas, and intellectual challenges. On the debit side there will appear wasted minutes, activities we failed to take part in, knowledge we did not absorb. Throughout the account there will prevail the feeling that the past year has been a fruitful one.

The true value of education, however, can best be measured with the calm retrospection of time, and when, in later years, our minds span the gap and return to "College days", the lectures and books will seem hazy and distant. But the friends we made, and the pleasant hours spent there, the college yell ringing through the gym, the warmth and comradeship—these will prevail. We will then realize that we left this college endowed with a measure of knowledge and skill so that we could continue in the study of our chosen profession. And we will also know that we have gained an appreciation for those around us, an ability to work with our fellow men, and a broadening of outlooks and sympathies. Then we shall know that this past year has been well spent.

We who say farewell cast many a longing, lingering look behind. We express our heartfelt thanks to the faculty members, whose sympathetic understanding and assistance have provided us with the firm stepping-stone into University life. To those who shall fill our places in these halls and classrooms, we pass on the magic key of work and play. With wise use it will open the doors to much happiness and success.

The students of this class have heard the phrases of "brave new world" and "international brotherhood" ring with a hollow note. We are aware that the world in whose affairs we are now taking our places, is much disturbed. We have come to a time of swift and violent change in the course of human destiny. We shall have need of courage, hope and wisdom in the years that lie ahead. May the spirit of Regina College go with us into the battle we all must wage to preserve and increase the love of liberty and the dignity of human life.

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